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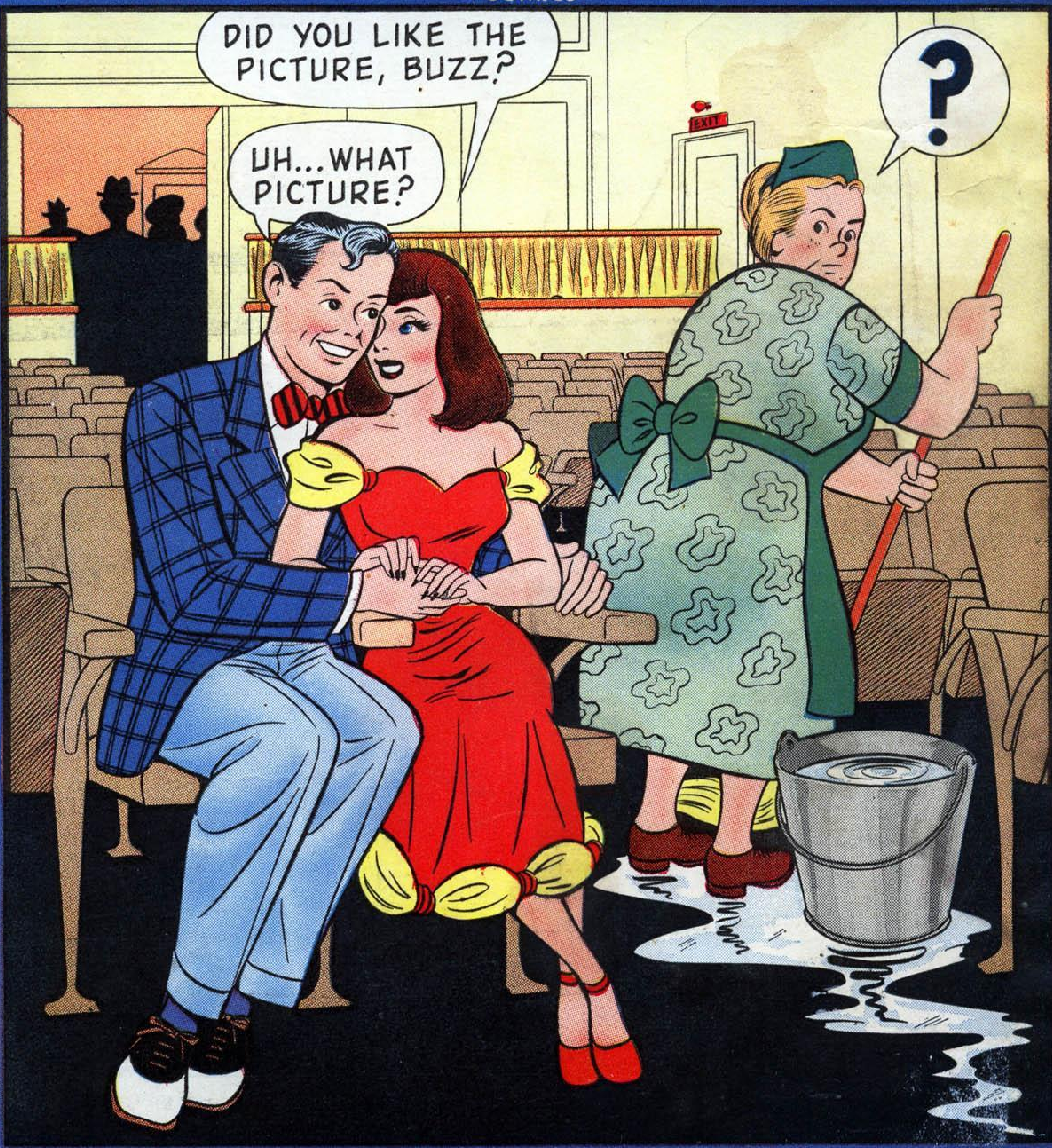
DID YOU LIKE THE PICTURE, BUZZ?
UH...WHAT PICTURE?
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EXIT

WHICH ONE SHALL WE SEND YOU?

"RITA" RED-HEADED DRINK & WET DOLL WITH RUBBER WONDERSKIN

SHE DRINKS! SHE WETS! SHE SLEEPS!

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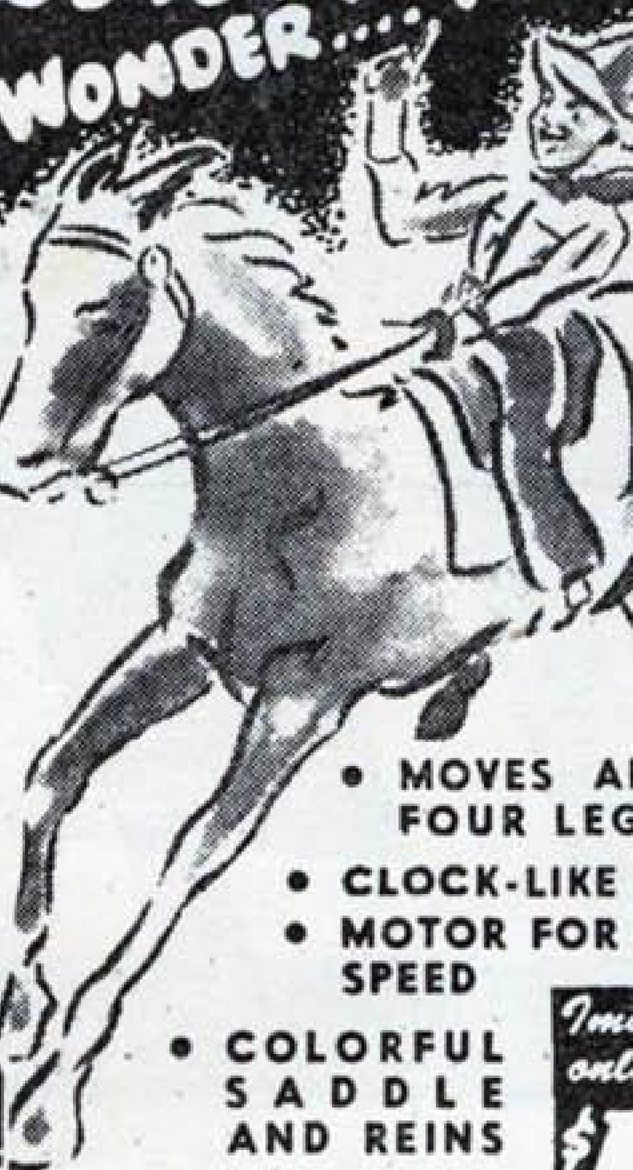

- MOVES ALL FOUR LEGS
- CLOCK-LIKE
- MOTOR FOR SPEED
- COLORFUL SADDLE AND REINS

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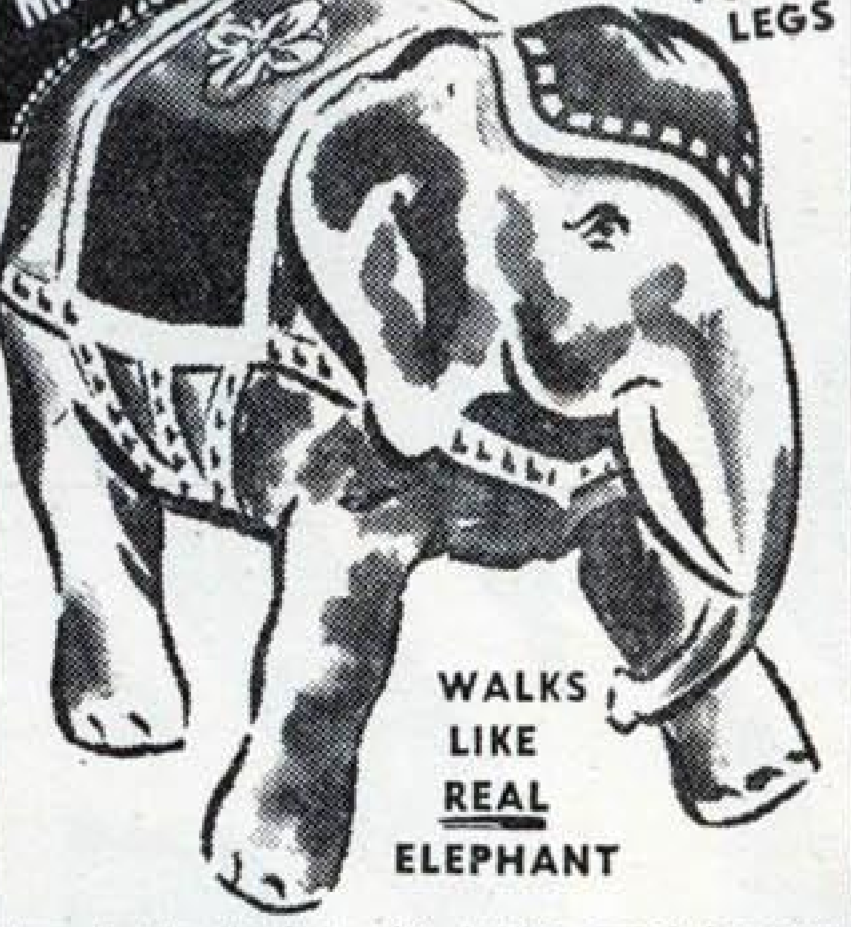
- MECHANICAL
- MOVES ALL FOUR LEGS



WALKS LIKE REAL ELEPHANT

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PATSY WALKER
BUT, DADDY, YOU'VE JUST GOT TO LEND ME THE MONEY TO SEE "THE GREAT ZAKINI!"
THE ANSWER IS STILL NO! YOU'RE OVER-DRAWN BY 6 MONTHS ON YOUR ALLOWANCE NOW!
DAILY VIEWS
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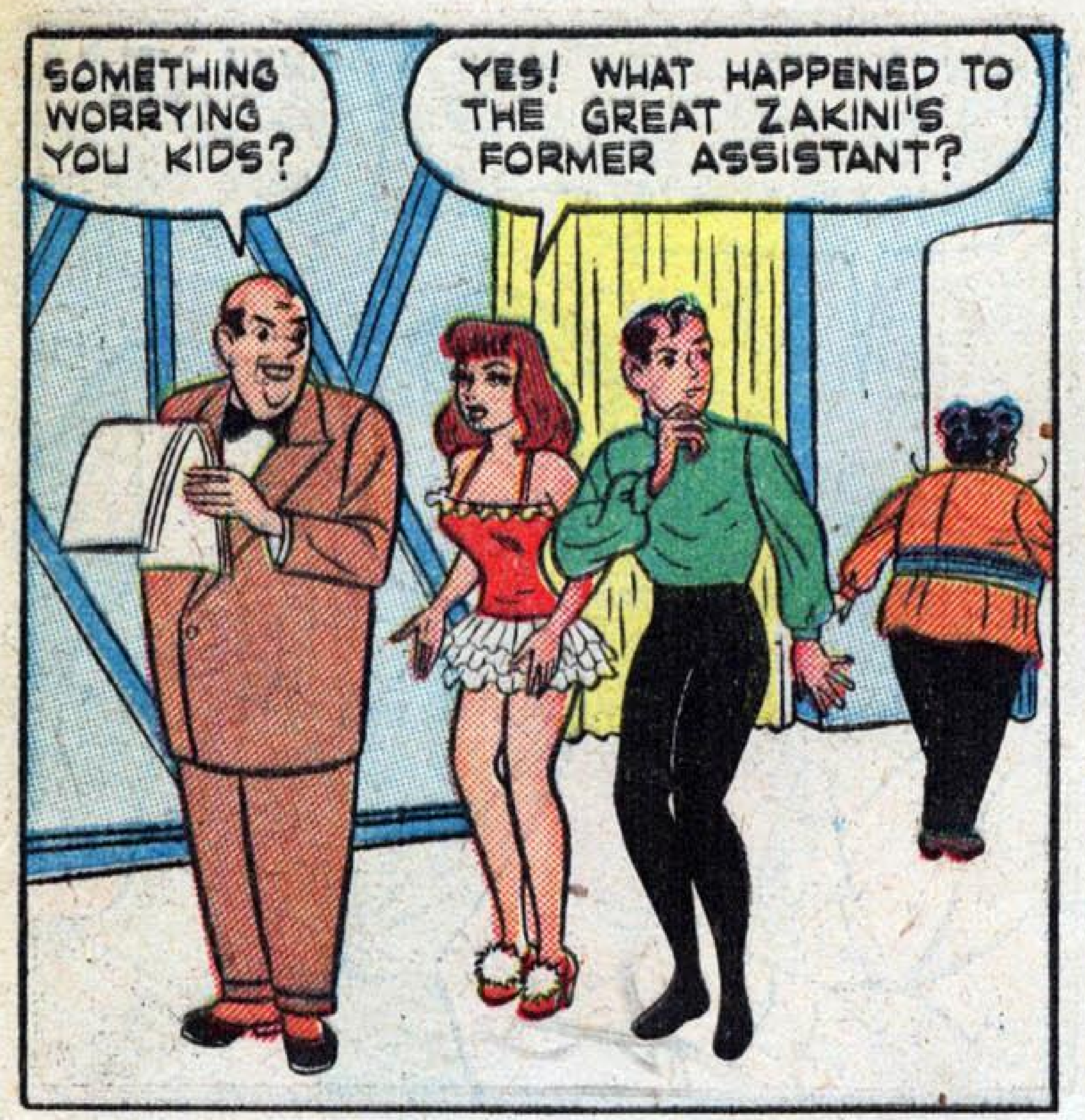
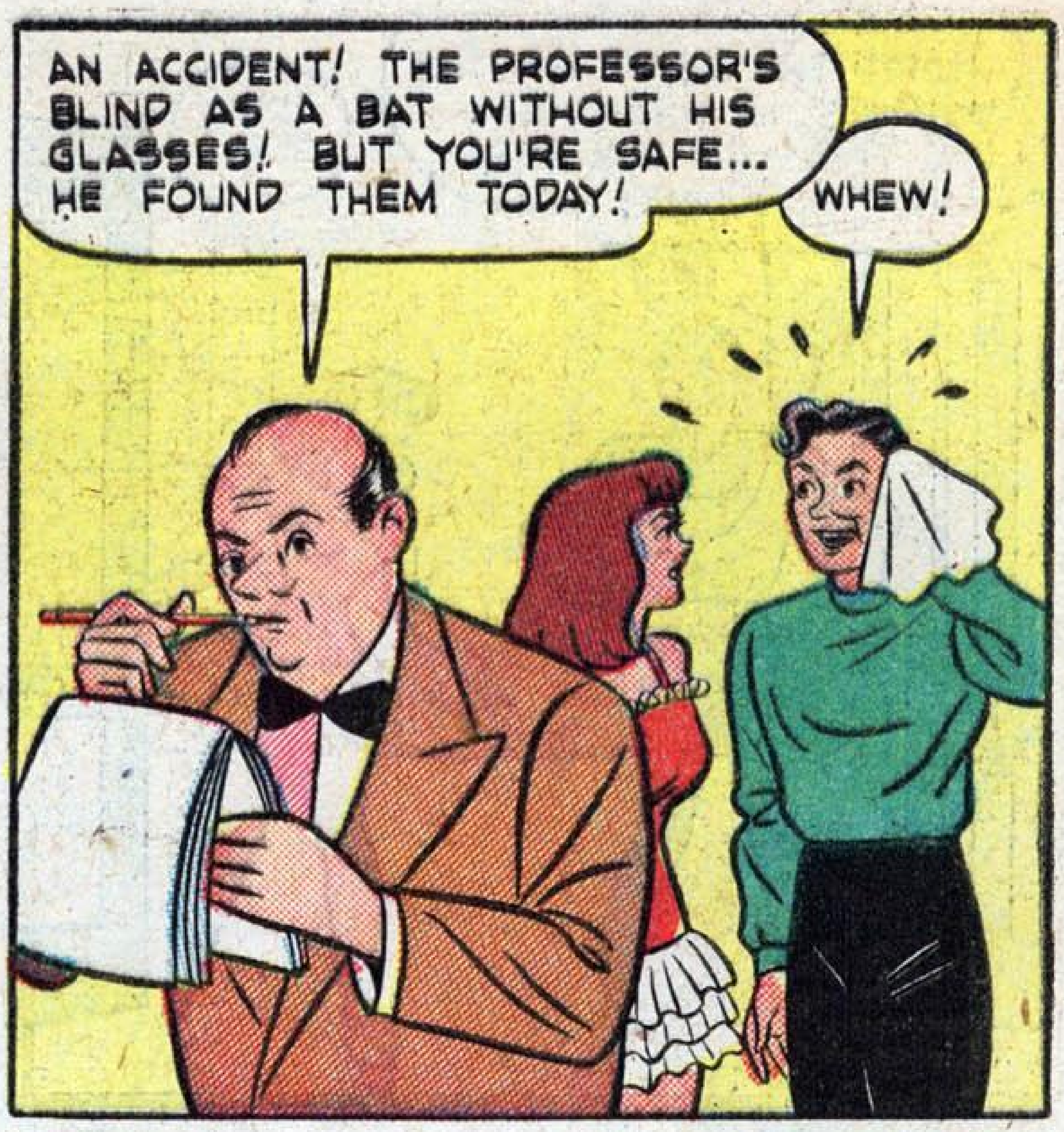
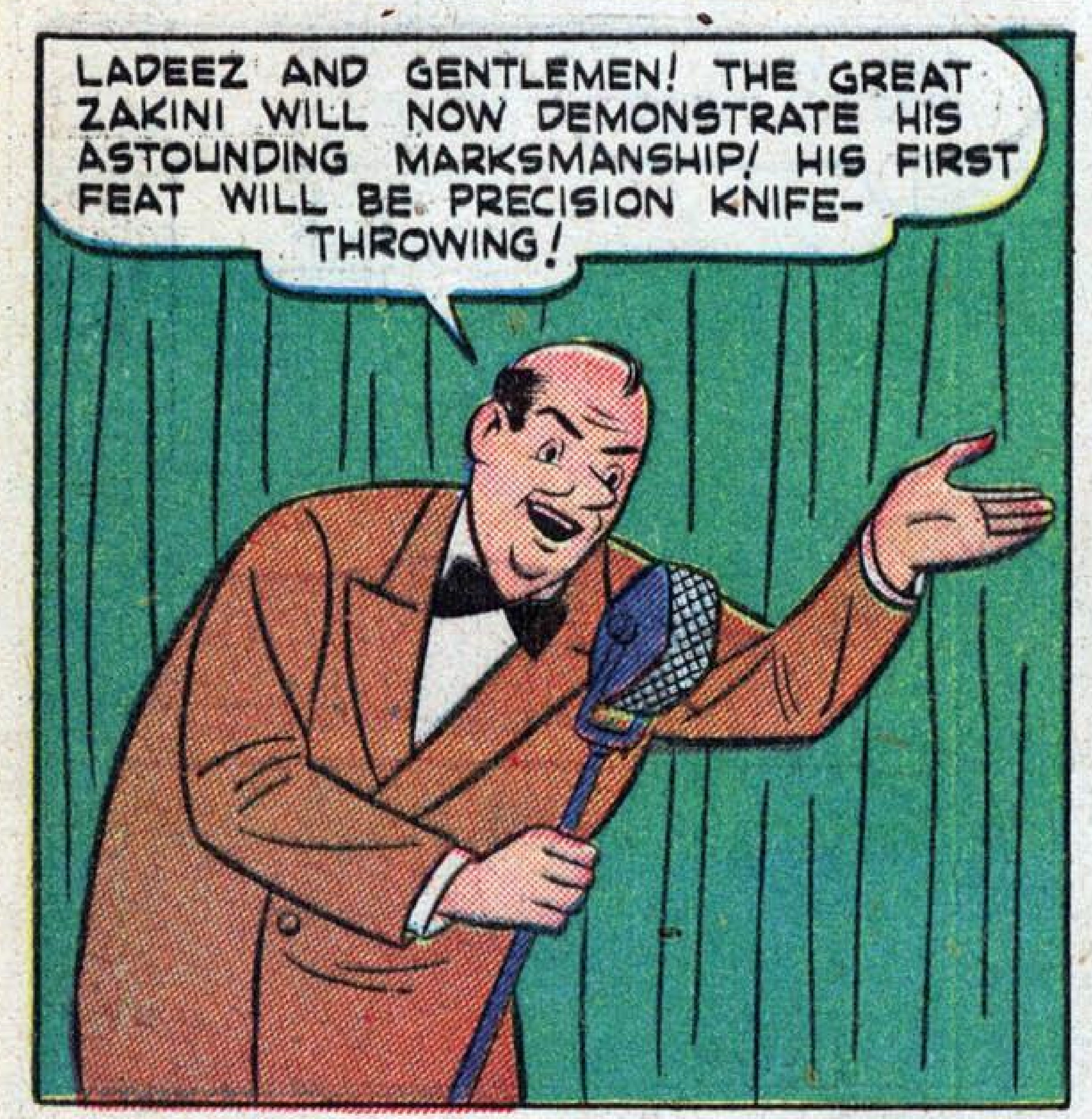
NO SOAP, BUZZ! WHAT'LL WE DO?
I'M FLAT BROKE! IF WE MISS SEEING "THE GREAT ZAKINI," IT'LL BE LIKE LOSING AN ARM!
GOLLY, HE MUST BE GOOD!
LADY--HE'S TERRIFIC! SENSATIONAL! COLOSSAL!
NOW SHOWING
THE GREAT ZAKINI
WORLD'S GREATEST MARKSMAN

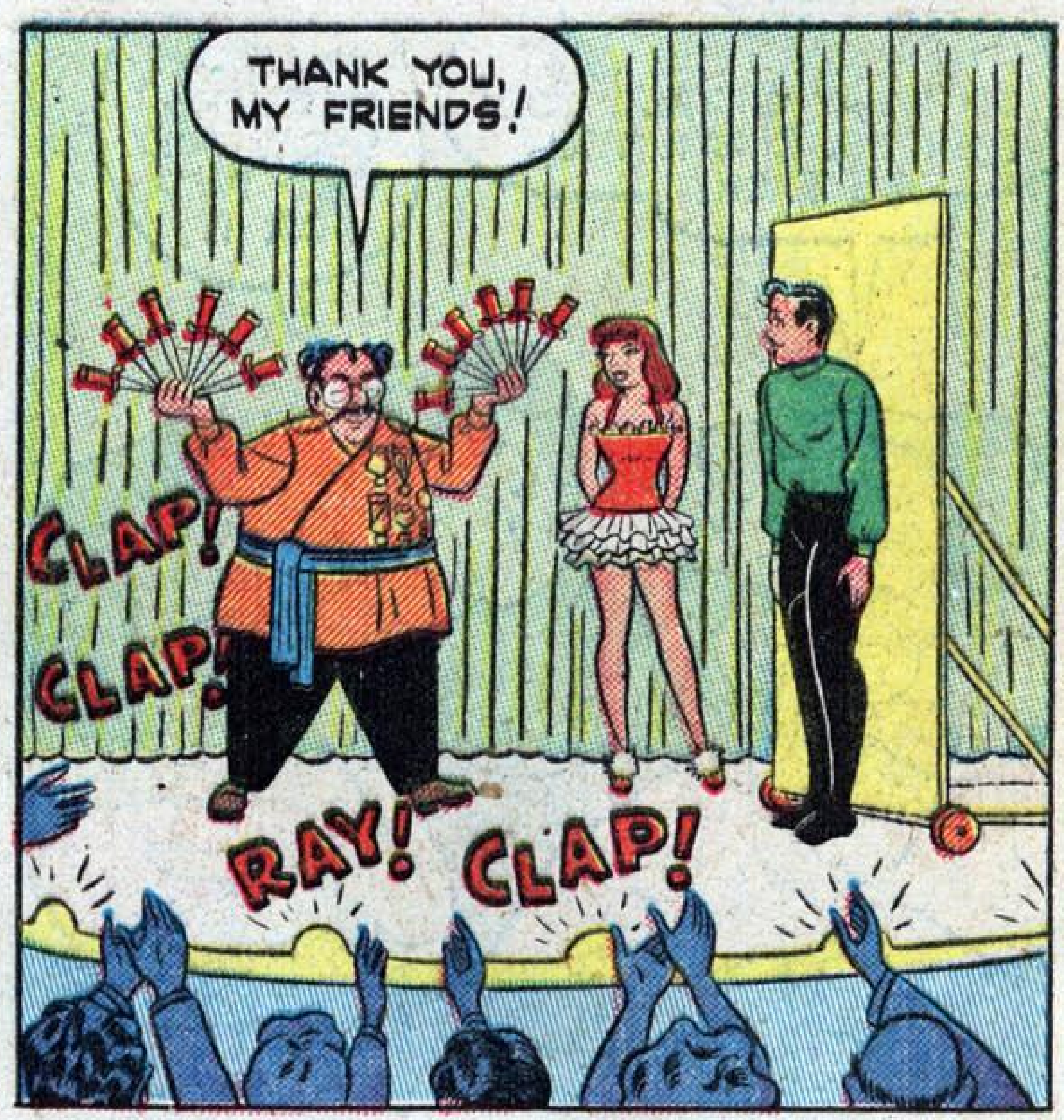
I'D LOVE TO SEE HIM--BUT WE'RE BROKE!
I CAN FIX IT SO YOU CAN SEE HIM FOR FREE!
…WING
…EAT ZAK…
WORL…S GREATEST MARKSM…
NOW SHOWING
THE GREAT ZAKINI
WORLD'S GREATEST MARKSMAN
SEE?
NOW... HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE MY SHOW?
WE'D LOVE IT, MR. ZAKINI!
GOOD! FOLLOW ME!
ISN'T THIS GRAND, BUZZ?
SWELL!
STAGE ENTRANCE
HERE--PUT THESE COSTUMES ON!
?
?
EXIT
DO WE HAVE TO WEAR SPECIAL COSTUMES TO WATCH YOUR SHOW?
PLEASE DO AS I SAY AND ASK QUESTIONS AFTERWARD!
DRESSING ROOMS
2

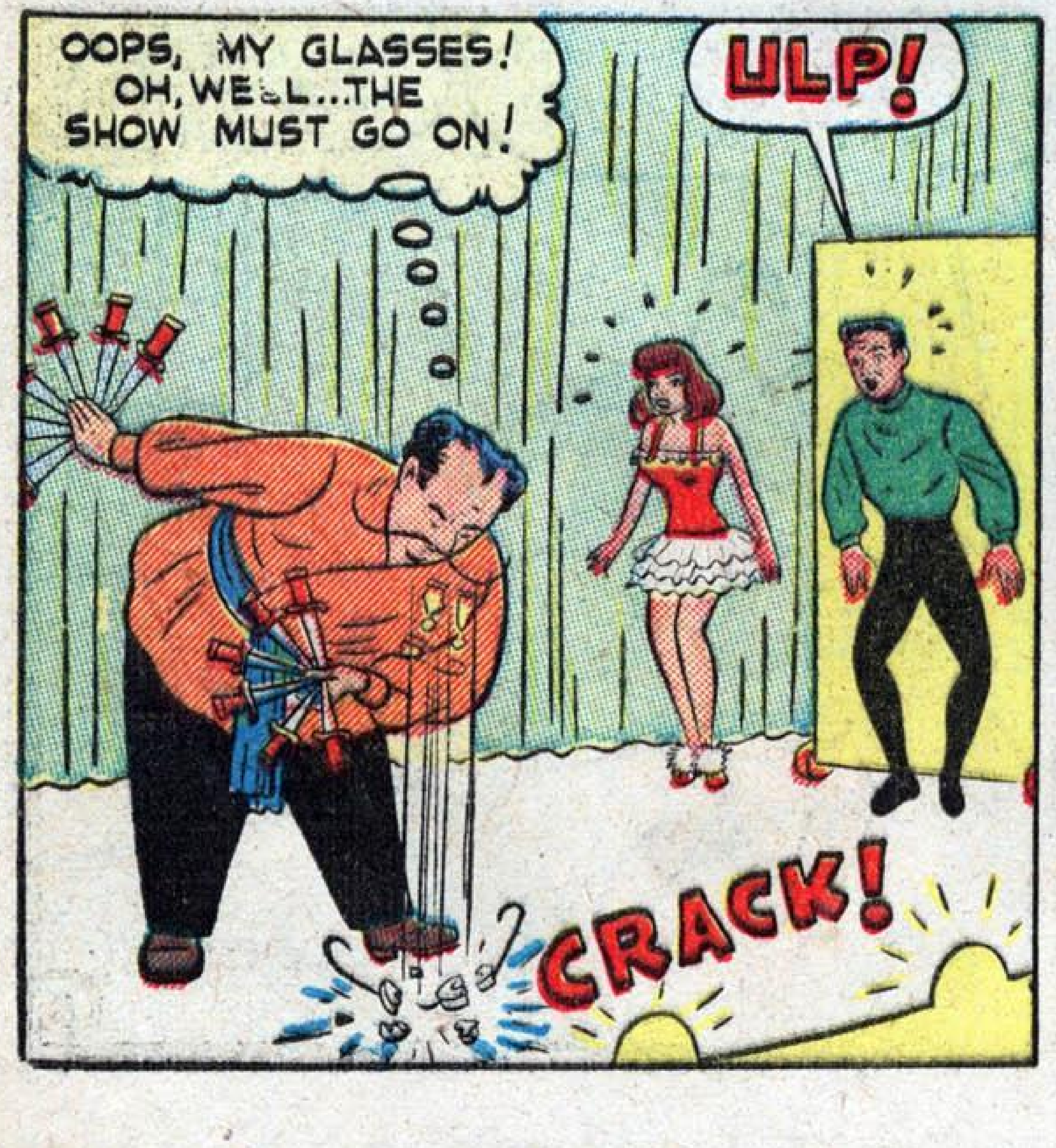
I HOPE THE REST OF THE AUDIENCE IS DRESSED LIKE THIS--OR I'LL FEEL MIGHTY FUNNY!
ME, TOO!
NOW I'LL TELL YOU WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT! YOU TWO ARE GOING TO BE MY NEW ASSISTANTS!
WHAT! BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!
IT'S EASY...YOU JUST DO WHAT I TELL YOU! BESIDES, I PAY YOU $5 EACH!
WHEE! WE SEE THE SHOW AND GET PAID FOR IT!
SAY... WHAT HAPPENED THERE?
OH, THAT'S JUST MY FORMER ASSISTANT!
YIPE!
WE JUST REMEMBERED WE HAVE SOME HOMEWORK TO FINISH-- G'BYE!
THAT CAN WAIT... WE'RE ON RIGHT NOW!

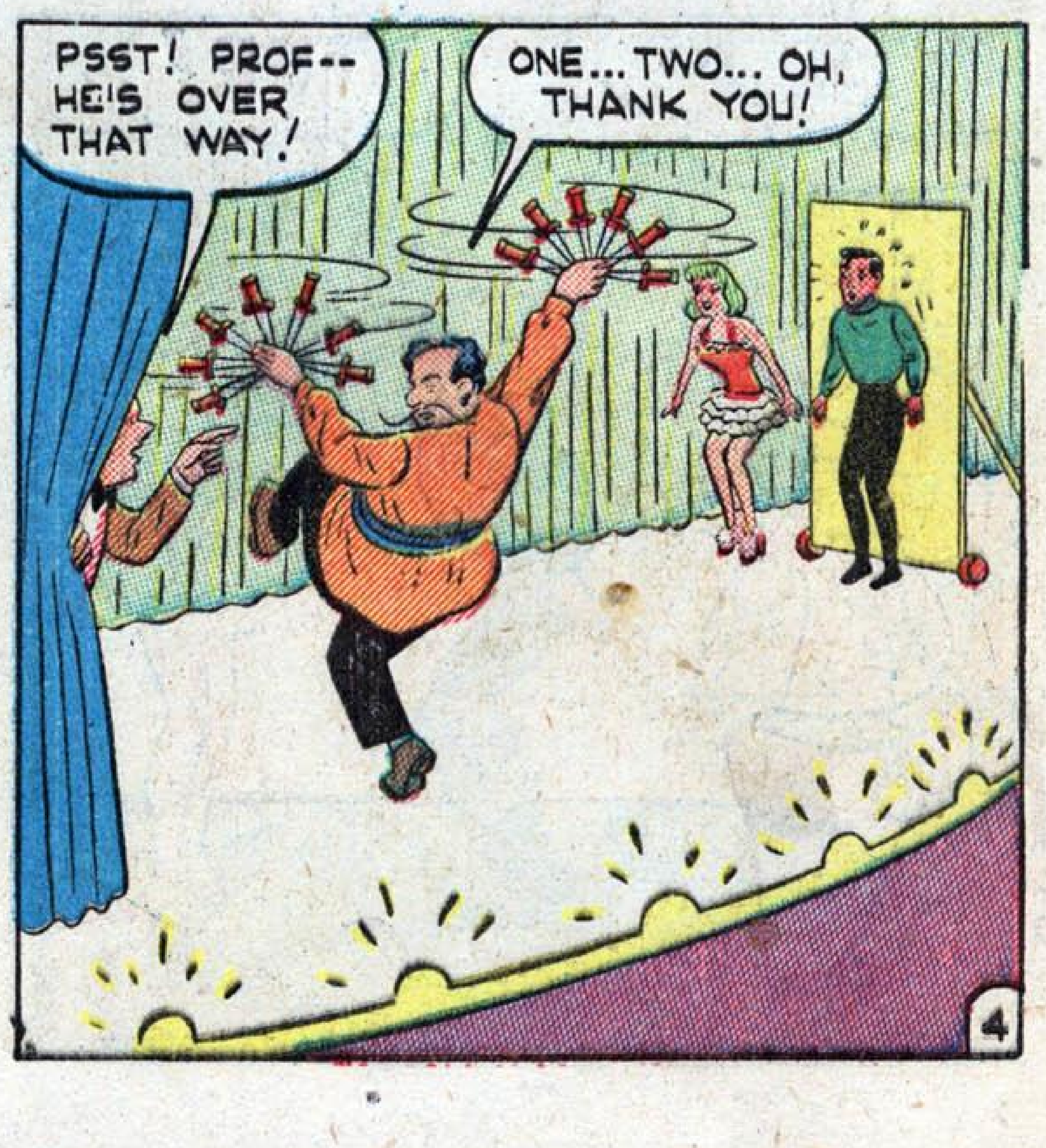

SOMETHING WORRYING YOU KIDS?
YES! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GREAT ZAKINI'S FORMER ASSISTANT?


AN ACCIDENT! THE PROFESSOR'S BLIND AS A BAT WITHOUT HIS GLASSES! BUT YOU'RE SAFE... HE FOUND THEM TODAY!
WHEW!


LADEEZ AND GENTLEMEN! THE GREAT ZAKINI WILL NOW DEMONSTRATE HIS ASTOUNDING MARKSMANSHIP! HIS FIRST FEAT WILL BE PRECISION KNIFE-THROWING!


THANK YOU, MY FRIENDS!
CLAP!
CLAP!
RAY!
CLAP!


OOPS, MY GLASSES! OH, WELL...THE SHOW MUST GO ON!
ULP!
CRACK!


PSST! PROF-- HE'S OVER THAT WAY!
ONE... TWO... OH, THANK YOU!

THREE!
?
WHEW!
RAY! BRAVO!
AND NOW--MY WILLIAM TELL ACT!
WHERE IS THAT GIRL?
?
BANG!

(SIGH!) HE MISSED!
AH! PERFECT! I NEVER MISS!
YOU CALL YOURSELF A MARKSMAN? WHY, YOU COULDN'T HIT THE SIDE OF A BARN!
WHAT! YOU'RE FIRED, YOUNG LADY!
I'M EVEN BETTER THAN YOU! I CAN GET A PERFECT BULL'S-EYE WITHOUT A WEAPON!
HAH! THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE!
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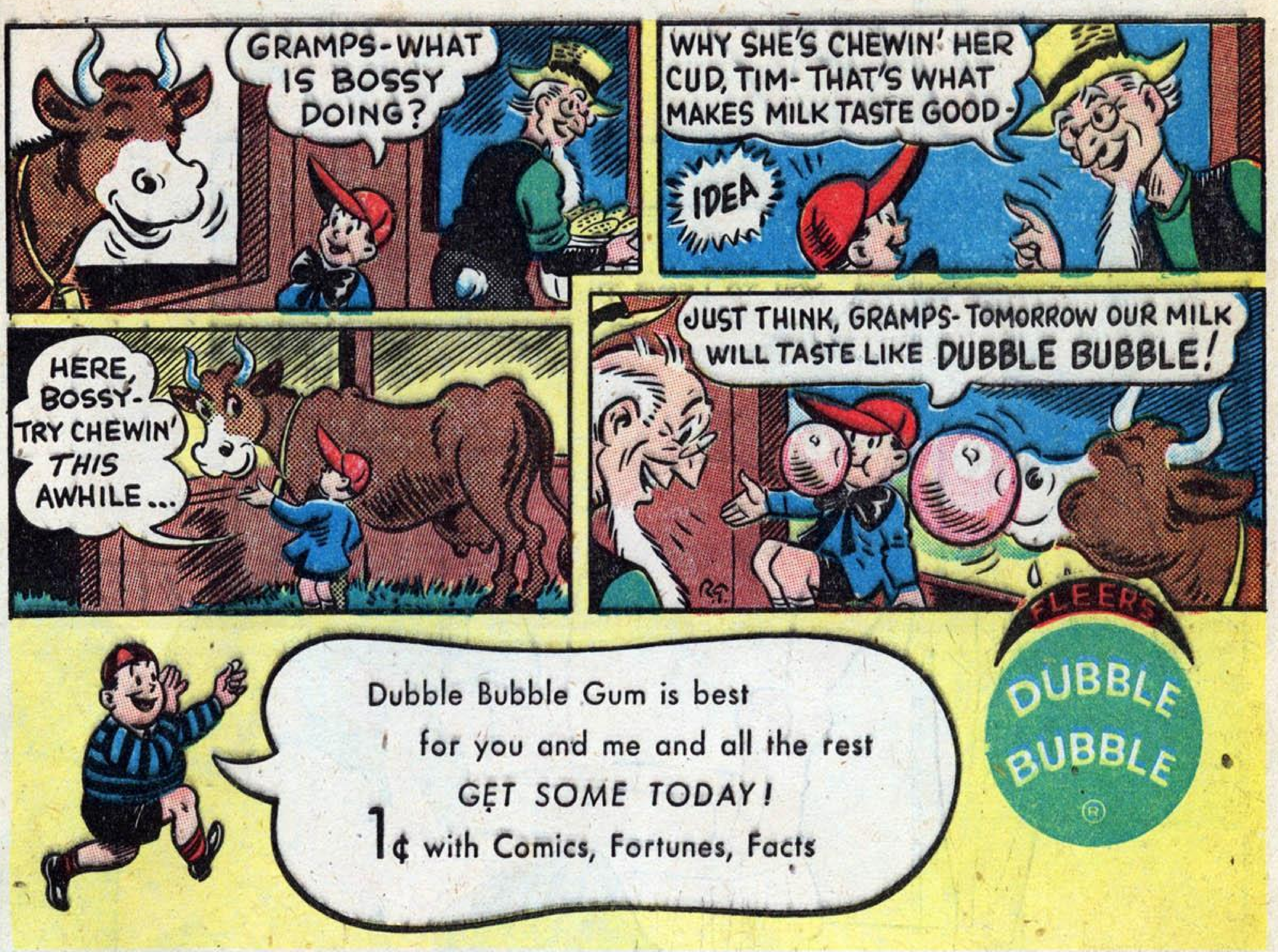
SATISFIED ?
THE END


GRAMPS-WHAT IS BOSSY DOING?
WHY SHE'S CHEWIN' HER CUD, TIM- THAT'S WHAT MAKES MILK TASTE GOOD-
IDEA
HERE, BOSSY- TRY CHEWIN' THIS AWHILE...
JUST THINK, GRAMPS- TOMORROW OUR MILK WILL TASTE LIKE DUBBLE BUBBLE!
R.T.
FLEER'S
DUBBLE BUBBLE ®
Dubble Bubble Gum is best
for you and me and all the rest
GET SOME TODAY!
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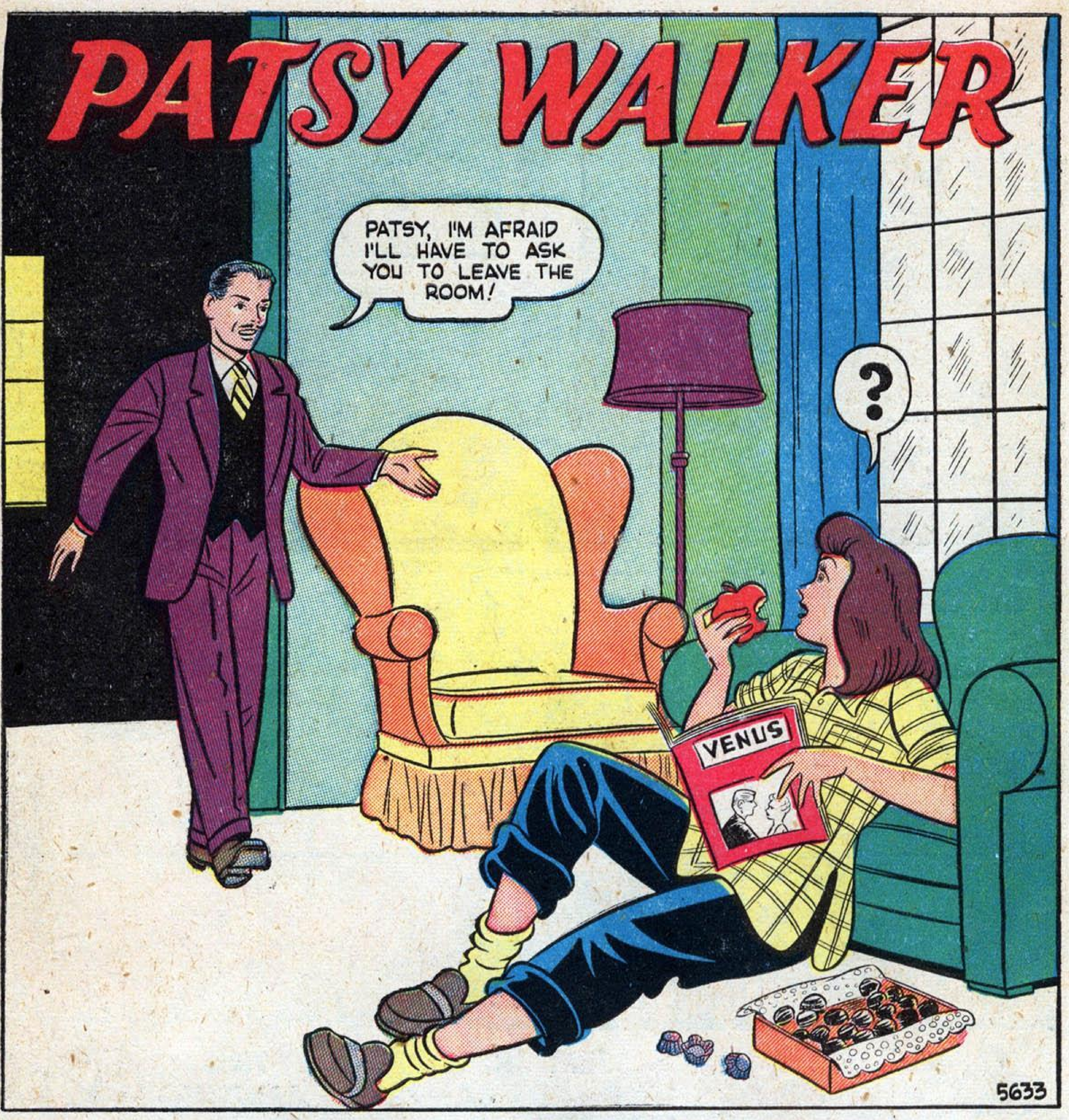
PATSY WALKER
PATSY, I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE THE ROOM!
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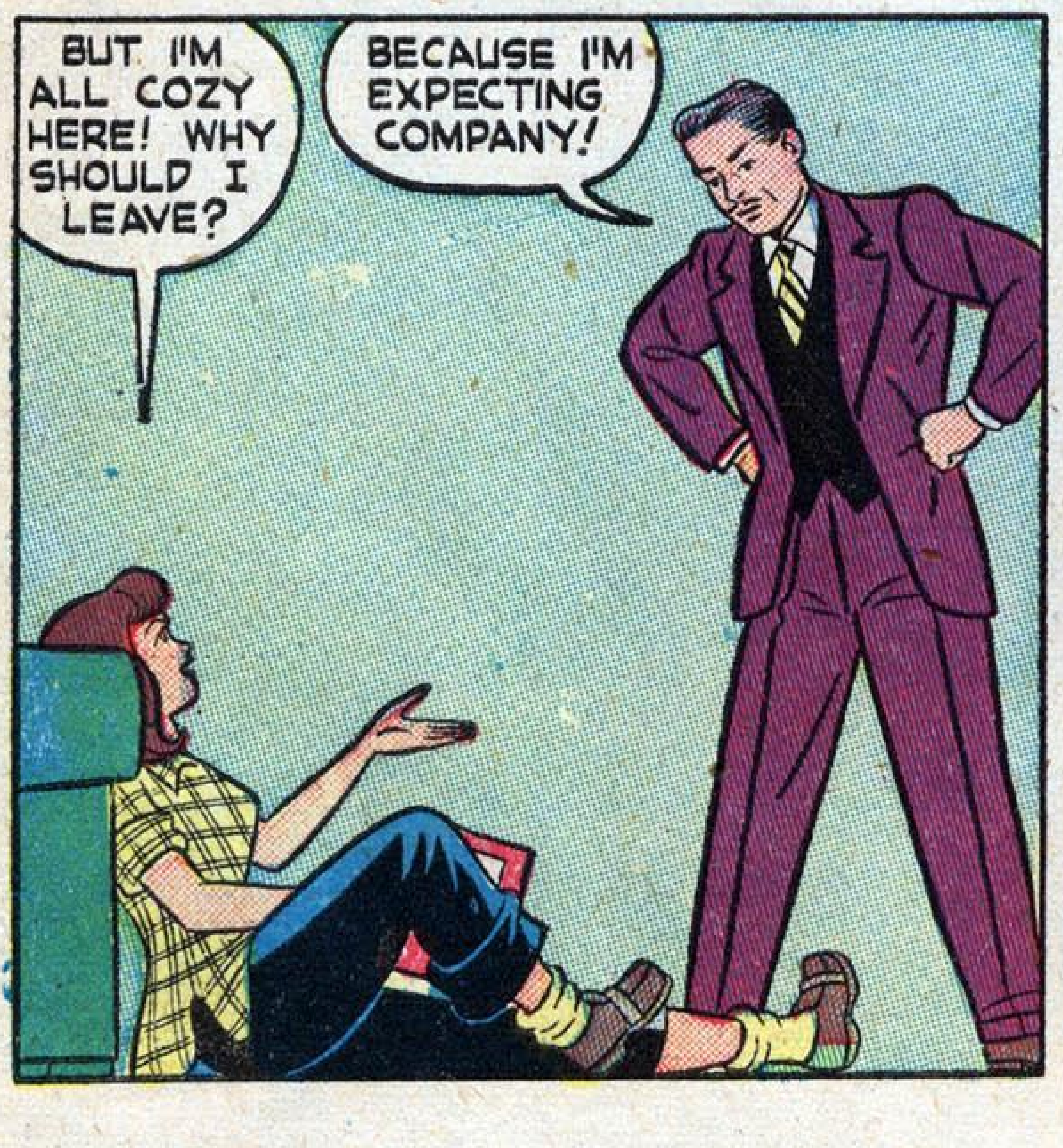
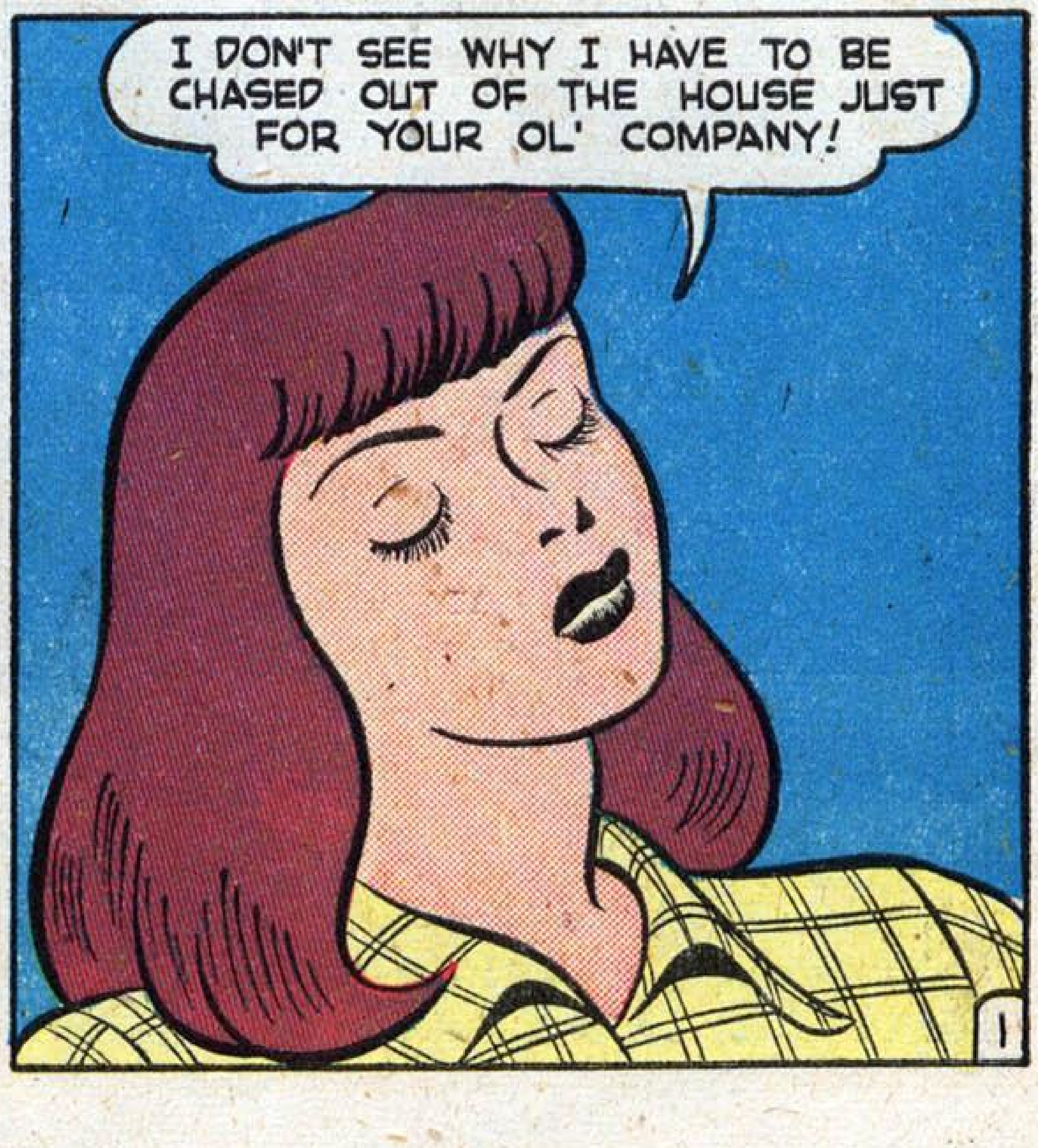

BUT I'M ALL COZY HERE! WHY SHOULD I LEAVE?
BECAUSE I'M EXPECTING COMPANY!


I DON'T SEE WHY I HAVE TO BE CHASED OUT OF THE HOUSE JUST FOR YOUR OL' COMPANY!
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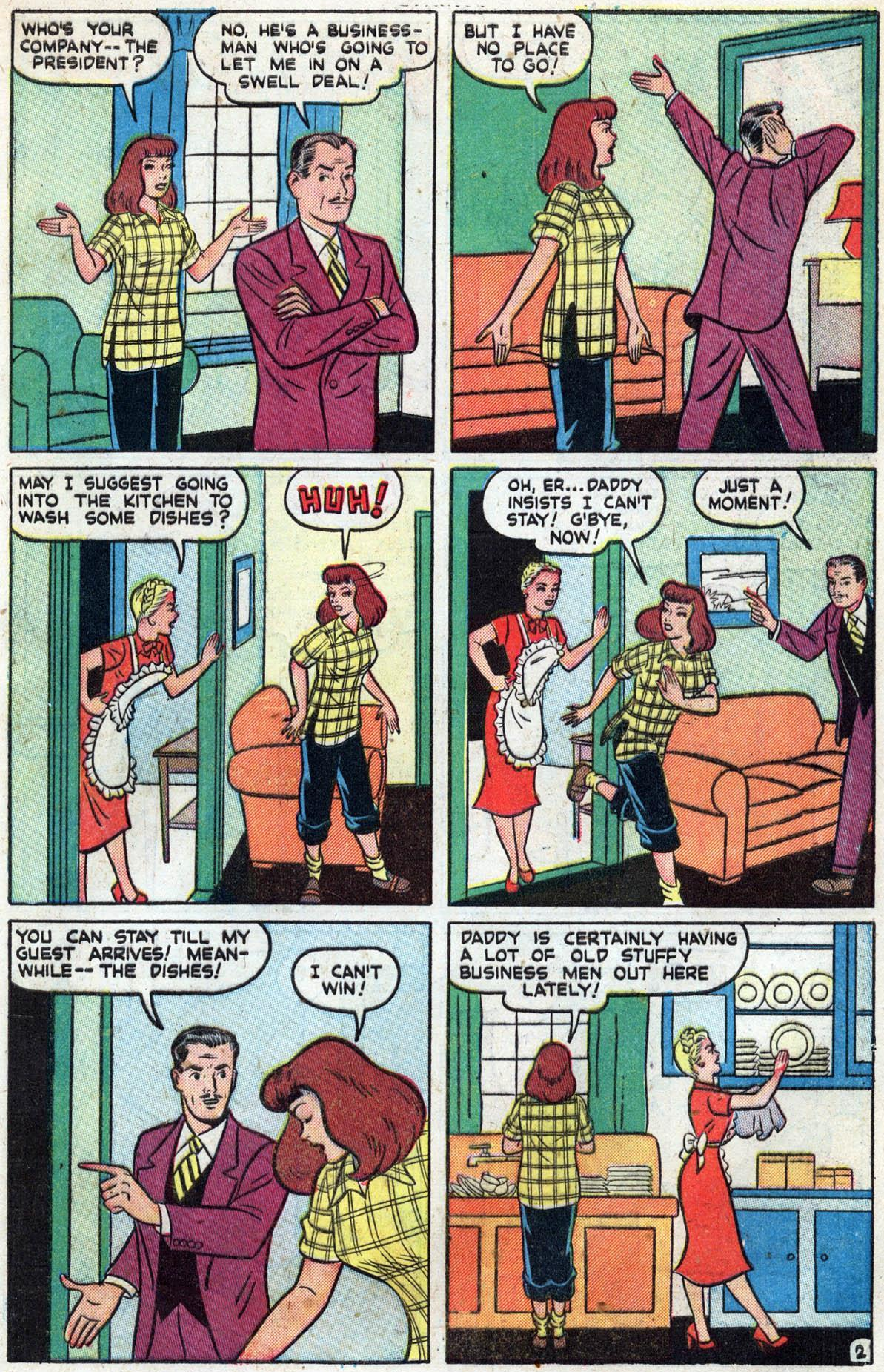
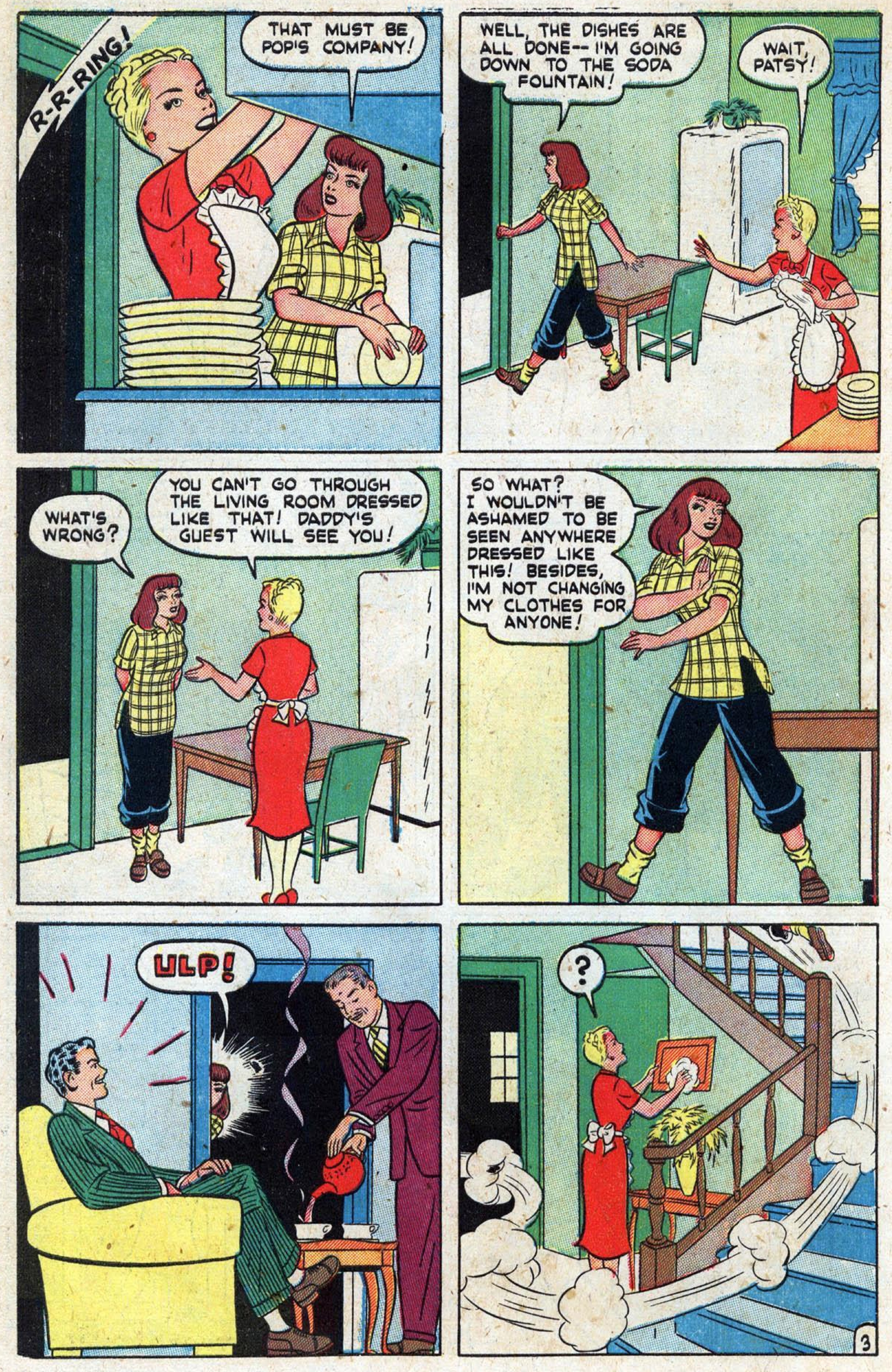

WHO'S YOUR COMPANY-- THE PRESIDENT?
NO, HE'S A BUSINESSMAN WHO'S GOING TO LET ME IN ON A SWELL DEAL!
BUT I HAVE NO PLACE TO GO!
MAY I SUGGEST GOING INTO THE KITCHEN TO WASH SOME DISHES?
HUH!
OH, ER... DADDY INSISTS I CAN'T STAY! G'BYE, NOW!
JUST A MOMENT!
YOU CAN STAY TILL MY GUEST ARRIVES! MEANWHILE-- THE DISHES!
I CAN'T WIN!
DADDY IS CERTAINLY HAVING A LOT OF OLD STUFFY BUSINESS MEN OUT HERE LATELY!


R-R-RING!
THAT MUST BE POP'S COMPANY!
WELL, THE DISHES ARE ALL DONE-- I'M GOING DOWN TO THE SODA FOUNTAIN!
WAIT, PATSY!
WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU CAN'T GO THROUGH THE LIVING ROOM DRESSED LIKE THAT! DADDY'S GUEST WILL SEE YOU!
SO WHAT? I WOULDN'T BE ASHAMED TO BE SEEN ANYWHERE DRESSED LIKE THIS! BESIDES, I'M NOT CHANGING MY CLOTHES FOR ANYONE!
ULP!
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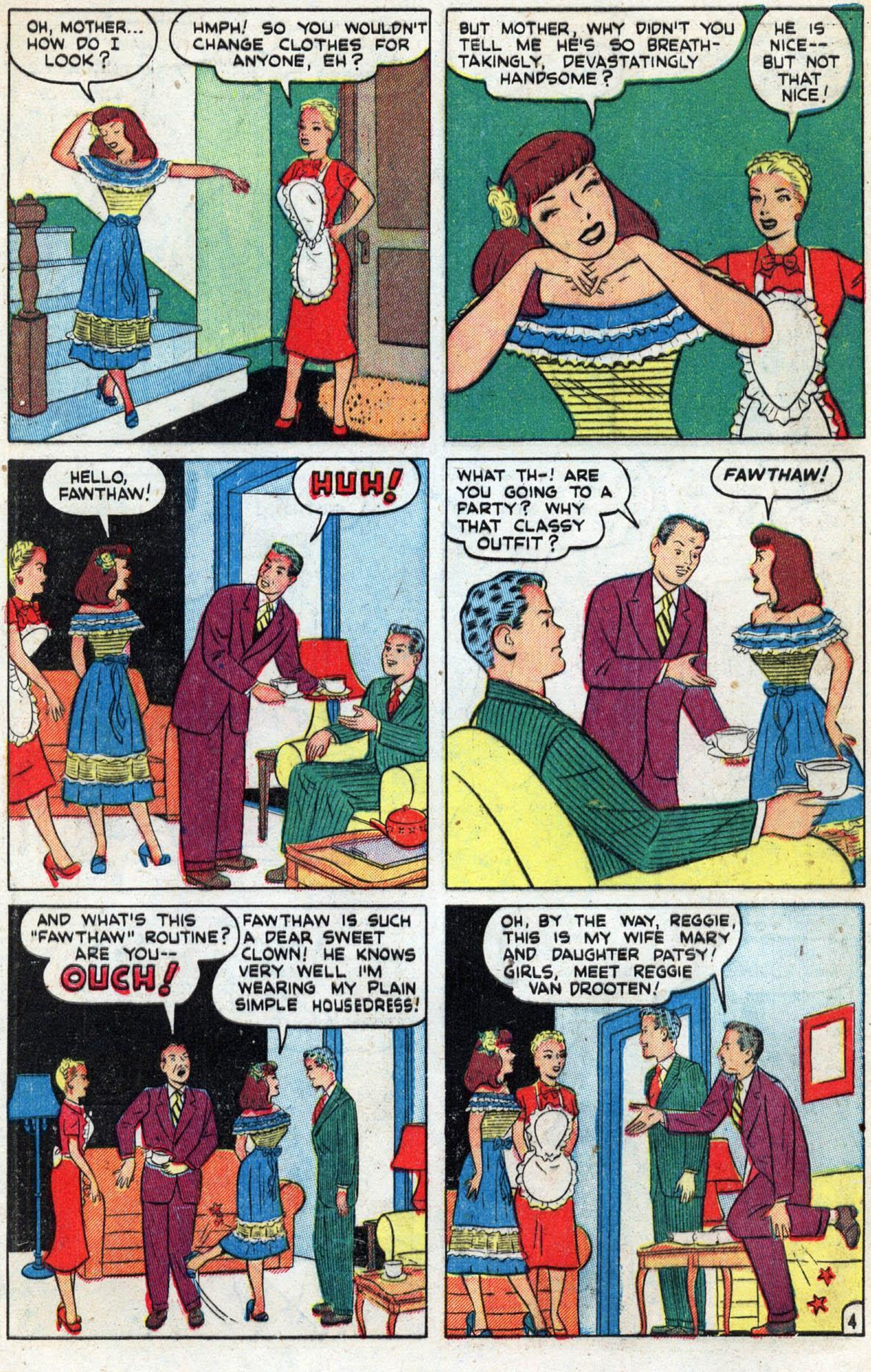
OH, MOTHER... HOW DO I LOOK?
HMPH! SO YOU WOULDN'T CHANGE CLOTHES FOR ANYONE, EH?
BUT MOTHER, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME HE'S SO BREATHTAKINGLY, DEVASTATINGLY HANDSOME?
HE IS NICE-- BUT NOT THAT NICE!
HELLO, FAWTHAW!
HUH!
WHAT TH-! ARE YOU GOING TO A PARTY? WHY THAT CLASSY OUTFIT?
FAWTHAW!
AND WHAT'S THIS "FAWTHAW" ROUTINE? ARE YOU-- OUCH!
FAWTHAW IS SUCH A DEAR SWEET CLOWN! HE KNOWS VERY WELL I'M WEARING MY PLAIN SIMPLE HOUSEDRESS!
OH, BY THE WAY, REGGIE, THIS IS MY WIFE MARY AND DAUGHTER PATSY! GIRLS, MEET REGGIE VAN DROOTEN!

HOW DO YOU DO! I MUST SAY, I'VE SELDOM SEEN A MORE CHARMING AND BEAUTIFUL MOTHER AND DAUGHTER!
OH, DEAR!
THANK YOU, KIND SIR!
AND NOW, LADIES, REGGIE AND I HAVE SOME BUSINESS TO...
FAWTHAW!
STAHN-LY!
HUH?
PLEASE DON'T BE RUDE... MR. VAN DROOTEN IS SPEAKING!
OH, MR. VAN DROOTEN, I JUST ADMIRE BIG BUSINESS MEN WHO DO THINGS!
WELL, IT'S REALLY NOTHING!
COME, COME! I'LL BET YOU COULD TELL US SOME WONDERFUL STORIES ABOUT YOUR TYCOONING IN WALL STREET!
3 HOURS LATER...
HOW MARVELOUS!
AND THAT'S HOW I SNARED ALL THE GENERAL COPPER MINES STOCK!
OH! I'M SIMPLY THRILLED!
(YAWN!) I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! UNTIL A FEW HOURS AGO THEY BOTH THOUGHT THAT THE STOCK EXCHANGE WAS WHERE YOU GO TO RETURN STOCKINGS! BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN THEY'RE CRAZY ABOUT HIGH FINANCE!

SAY, I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW LATE IT WAS! I'D BETTER BE GOING!
YOU MUST COME BACK AND TELL US MORE OF YOUR FASCINATING EXPERIENCES!
BUT REGGIE, WHAT ABOUT OUR DEAL?
WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE IT TUESDAY NIGHT, STAN!
MY DEAL MAY BE RUINED NOW! I HOPE YOU TWO ARE SATISFIED!
WE CERTAINLY ARE! HE'S WONDERFUL!
OF ALL THE NONSENSICAL DRIVEL I'VE EVER HEARD FROM YOU TWO, THIS IS THE WORST!
IS THAT SO? IT WOULDN'T DO YOU ANY HARM TO ACQUIRE SOME OF THE CHARM AND POISE THAT MAKES MR. VAN DROOTEN SO WONDERFUL!
?
OH, MOTHER, DO YOU THINK REGGIE LIKED ME?
I'M SURE HE DID, DEAR!

MY PRINCE CHARMING HAS FINALLY ARRIVED!
WHOA! WAIT A MINUTE, YOUNG LADY! WHAT ABOUT BUZZ?
REALLY, MOTHER, BUZZ WAS ALL RIGHT AS A CHILDHOOD BEAU--BUT NOW A MAN HAS COME INTO MY LIFE!
JUST THE SAME--YOU SHOULDN'T HURT HIS FEELINGS!
MOM IS RIGHT! I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF BUZZ WITHOUT HURTING THE POOR CHILD'S FEELINGS!
I'VE GOT IT! I'LL WRITE PRUNELLA LOVELACE AND ASK FOR ADVICE
DAILY VIEWS ADVICE TO THE LOVELORN BY PRUNELLA LOVELACE
MEANWHILE:
I CAN UNDERSTAND PATSY'S ACTIONS--SHE'S AN IMPESSIONABLE YOUNG GIRL--BUT MARY HAS ACTED AWFULLY SILLY IN THIS AFFAIR!
DEAR PRUNELLA: I'VE MET A CHARMING SOPHISTICATED, AND HANDSOME YOUNG EXECUTIVE! HOW CAN I GET RID OF THE MAN I NOW HAVE? "PERPLEXED"
THAT OUGHT TO DO IT!
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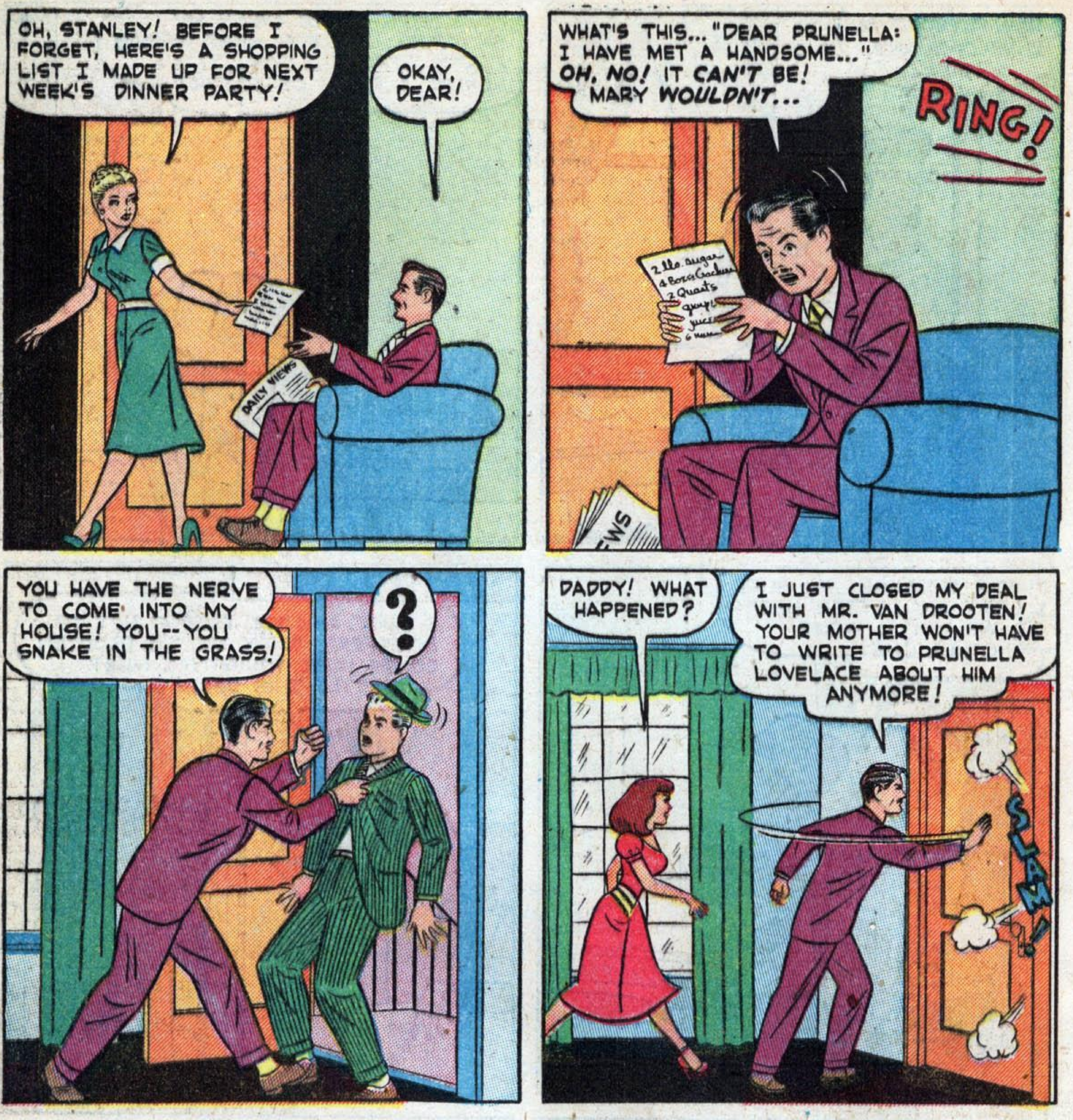
NOW TO FIND AN ENVELOPE AND STAMP!
I'D BETTER WRITE DOWN MY SHOPPING LIST FOR NEXT WEEK'S PARTY BEFORE I FORGET! AH, HERE'S A PIECE OF PAPER!
THAT'S STRANGE! I'M SURE I LEFT MY LETTER HERE! OH, WELL, I'LL WRITE ANOTHER ONE!
A FEW DAYS LATER...
I MUST ASK YOU PLEASE NOT TO INTERFERE WHEN MR. VAN DROOTEN COMES HERE TONIGHT! I MUST SETTLE THIS DEAL!
DAILY
HMMM! I ALWAYS GET A KICK OUT OF THESE LOVELORN COLUMNS! HERE'S SOMETHING FROM SOME DISSATISFIED GIRL THAT'S REALLY A CORKER!
DAILY VIEWS
HA, HA! "PERPLEXED" HAS MET A HANDSOME YOUNG GUY AND NOW SHE WANTS TO GET RID OF HER PRESENT BOY FRIEND! HA! HA! PRUNELLA PROBABLY MAKES THIS STUFF UP HERSELF!


OH, STANLEY! BEFORE I FORGET, HERE'S A SHOPPING LIST I MADE UP FOR NEXT WEEK'S DINNER PARTY!
OKAY, DEAR!
DAILY VIEWS
WHAT'S THIS... "DEAR PRUNELLA: I HAVE MET A HANDSOME..." OH, NO! IT CAN'T BE! MARY WOULDN'T...
RING!
2 lbs. sugar
4 Boxes Crackers
2 Quarts
grape
juice
NEWS
YOU HAVE THE NERVE TO COME INTO MY HOUSE! YOU--YOU SNAKE IN THE GRASS!
?
DADDY! WHAT HAPPENED?
I JUST CLOSED MY DEAL WITH MR. VAN DROOTEN! YOUR MOTHER WON'T HAVE TO WRITE TO PRUNELLA LOVELACE ABOUT HIM ANYMORE!
SLAM!
MOTHER DIDN'T WRITE HER! I DID! BUT DON'T WORRY, 'CAUSE PRUNELLA WROTE ME TO STICK TO MY OLD BOY FRIEND!
WHAT?!! YOU MEAN I RUINED MY WONDERFUL DEAL BECAUSE OF YOU?!! WHY DO I HAVE SO MUCH BAD LUCK? OHHH!
BUT, LATER THAT DAY...
SO I FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH YOU, "REGGIE THE CON MAN"! IT'LL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE YOU DO ANY MORE SWINDLING!
HEY! WHAT MAKES YOU SO GAY?
IT'S A LONG STORY, BUZZ!
THE END

STAMP NEWS

By KENT B. STILES

One of philately's useful purposes is that the hobby's designs provide mental enrichment by adding knowledge regarding persons who have played roles, some important, others obscure, in history. As examples, recent stamps have introduced portraits of Constantine S. Alexiev and Vladimir I. Nemirovich-Danchenko and Vasilii P. Stasov of Russia, Domingo de Basavilbaso of Brazil, Franz X. Gruber and Joseph Mohr of Austria, Carlos Martinez Silva of Colombia, Joaquim J. Silva Xavier of Brazil, Ludwik Warynski of Poland.

Alexiev (whose stage name was Stanislavsky) was actor and producer, and Nemirovich-Danchenko, was playwright and producer; together they founded the Moscow Art Theatre in 1898. Stasov, who died a century ago, was a leading architect. Basavilbaso established postal service in Argentina's Plata region two centuries ago. Gruber composed the melody of that beautiful Christmas carol "Silent Night, Holy Night" 130 years ago, and Mohr wrote the words. Martinez Silva was a 19th century author and diplomat. Silva Xavier was a patriot whom the Portuguese hanged in 1792 because he sought independence for Brazil. Warynski died in a Russian prison in 1889 for his activities on behalf of Polish liberation.

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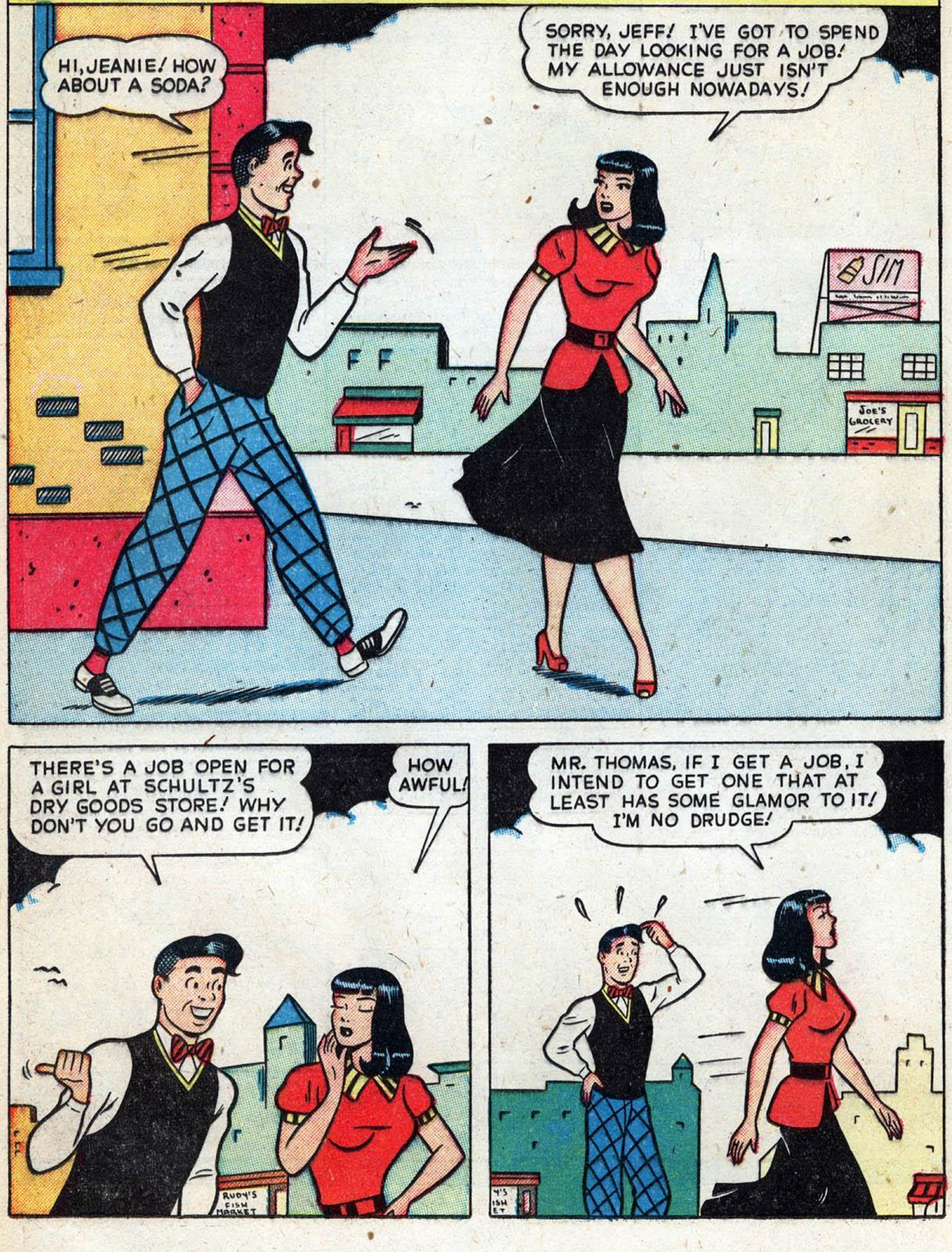
HI, JEANIE! HOW ABOUT A SODA?
SORRY, JEFF! I'VE GOT TO SPEND THE DAY LOOKING FOR A JOB! MY ALLOWANCE JUST ISN'T ENOUGH NOWADAYS!
SIM
JOE'S GROCERY
THERE'S A JOB OPEN FOR A GIRL AT SCHULTZ'S DRY GOODS STORE! WHY DON'T YOU GO AND GET IT!
HOW AWFUL!
RUDY'S FISH MARKET
MR. THOMAS, IF I GET A JOB, I INTEND TO GET ONE THAT AT LEAST HAS SOME GLAMOR TO IT! I'M NO DRUDGE!

AH, WELL... THAT'S FOR ME!
ARTIST'S MODEL WANTED
HELLO! I'M...
COME IN! COME IN! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME!
DAY AND NIGHT I'VE BEEN WORKING ON MY MASTERPIECE! BUT NOW I JUST CAN'T GO ON ALONE ANY LONGER!
IF YOU'LL SHOW ME WHAT TO DO, I'M SURE I CAN HELP YOU!
WONDERFUL! HERE! I HAVEN'T HAD A GOOD MEAL IN DAYS!
BUT I THOUGHT YOU NEEDED A *MODEL?*
I DO! WE'LL GET TO WORK RIGHT AFTER I SATISFY THE INNER MAN!
IS THIS POSE ALL RIGHT?
HMMM... NOT BAD! BUT THERE'S ONE THING THAT'S VERY DISTURBING!
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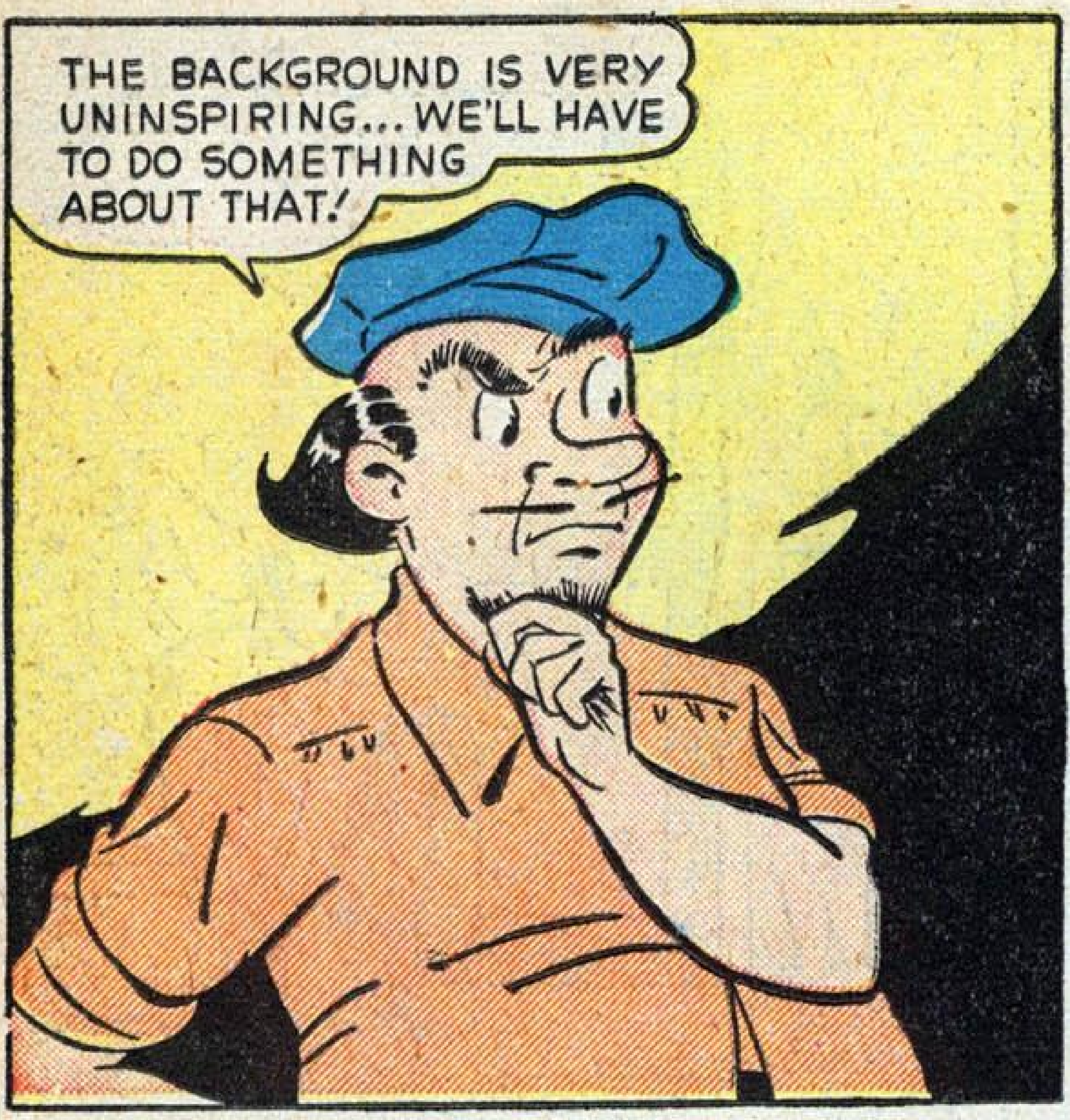
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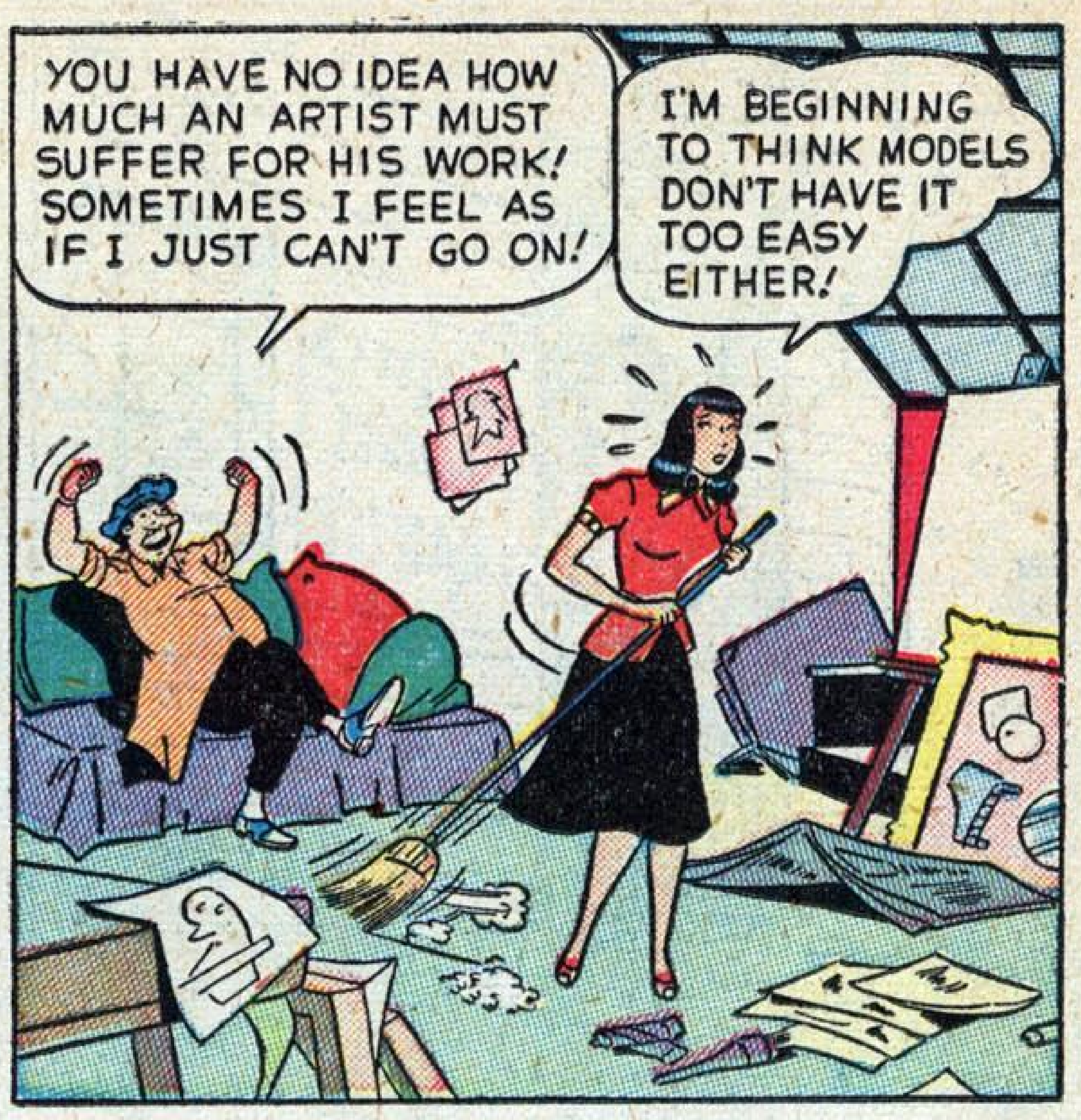
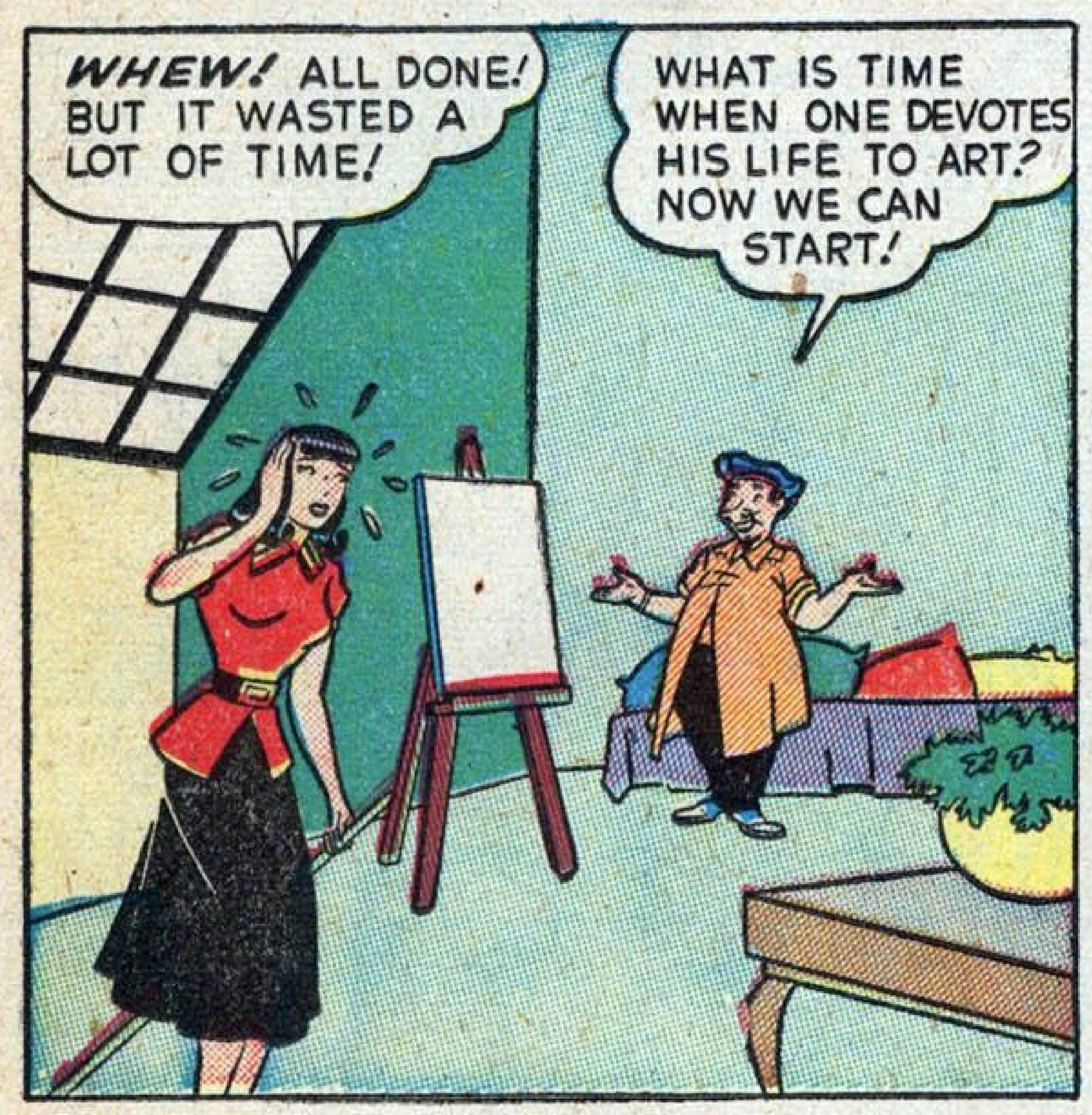
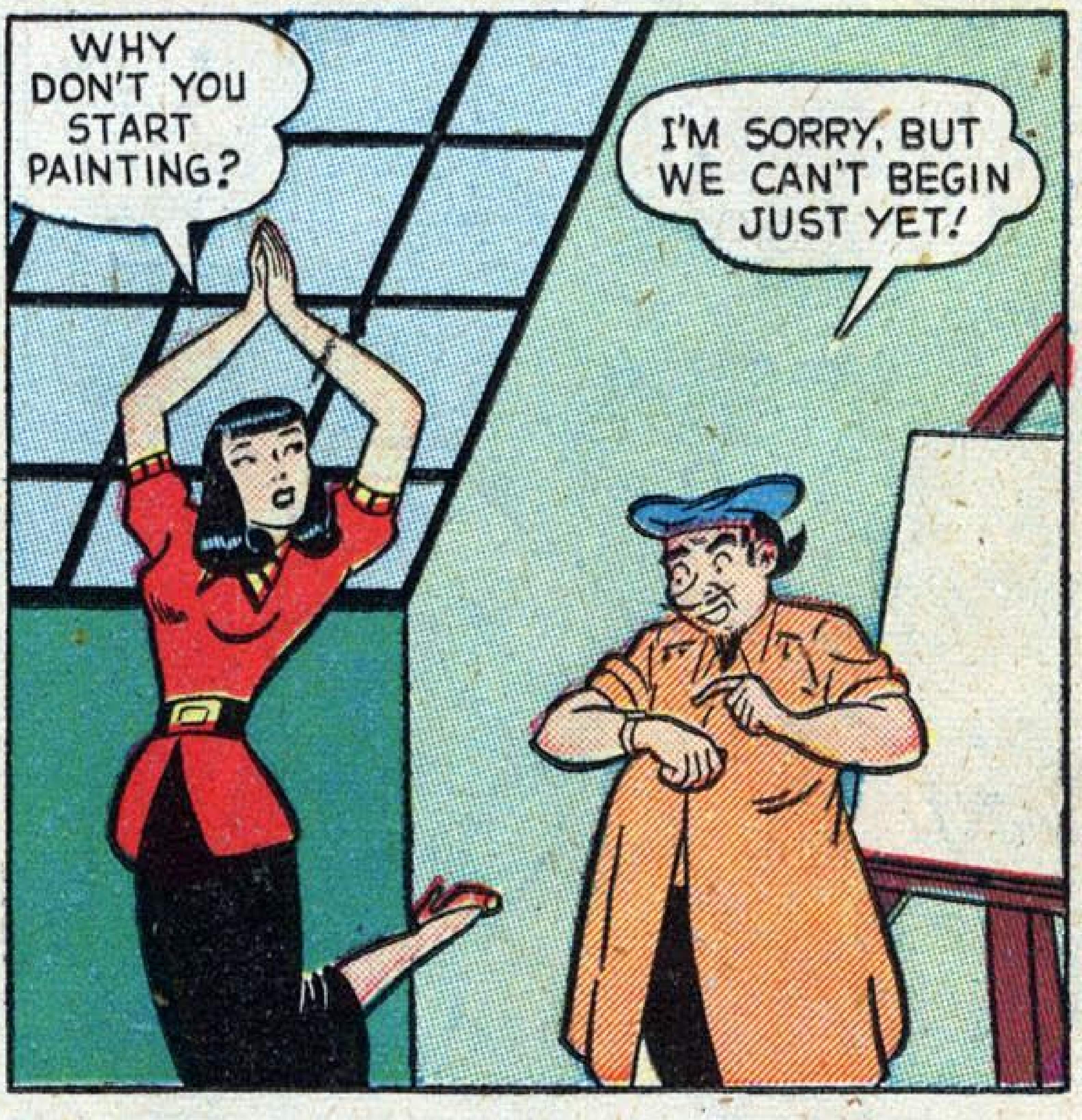
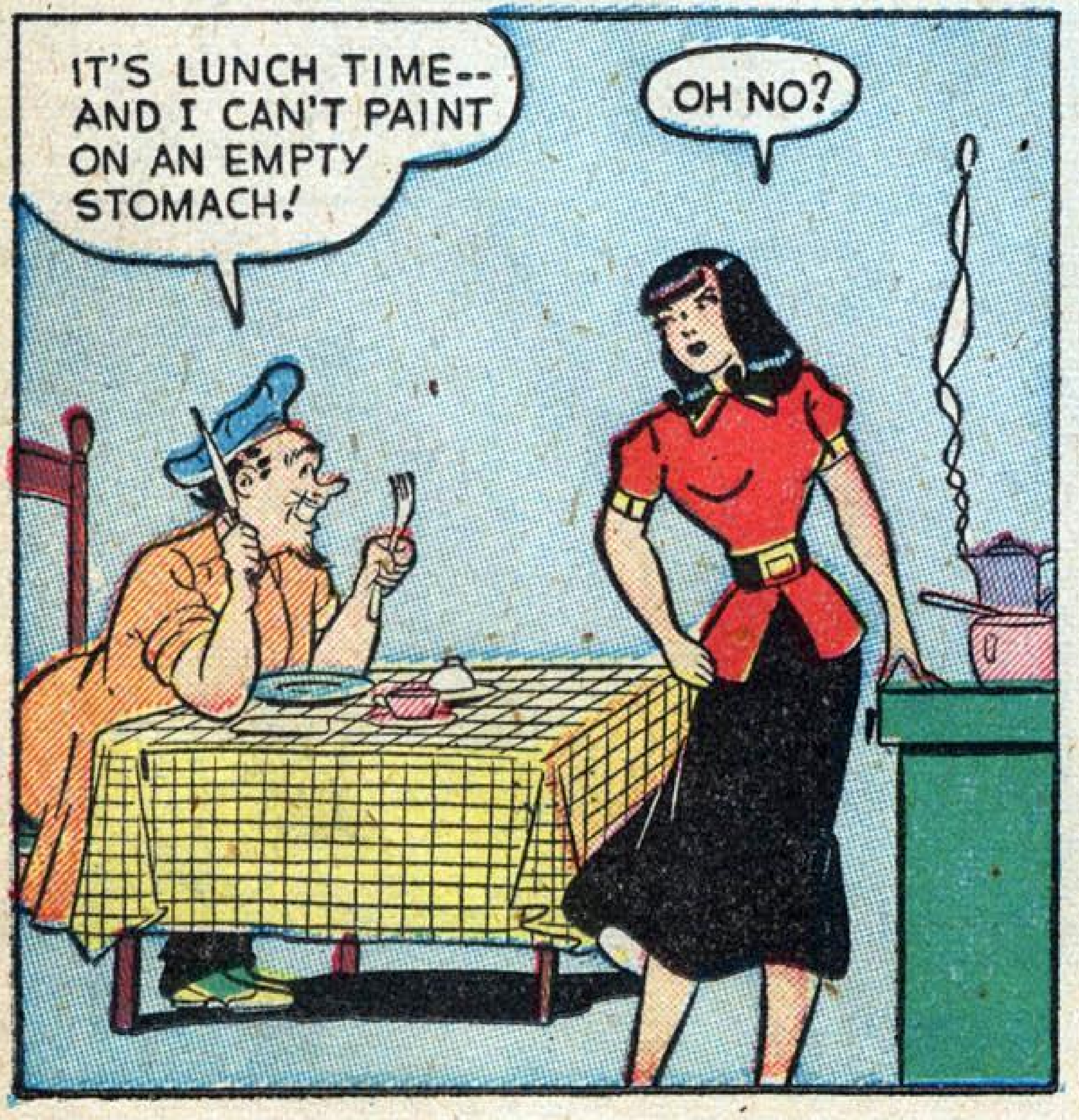
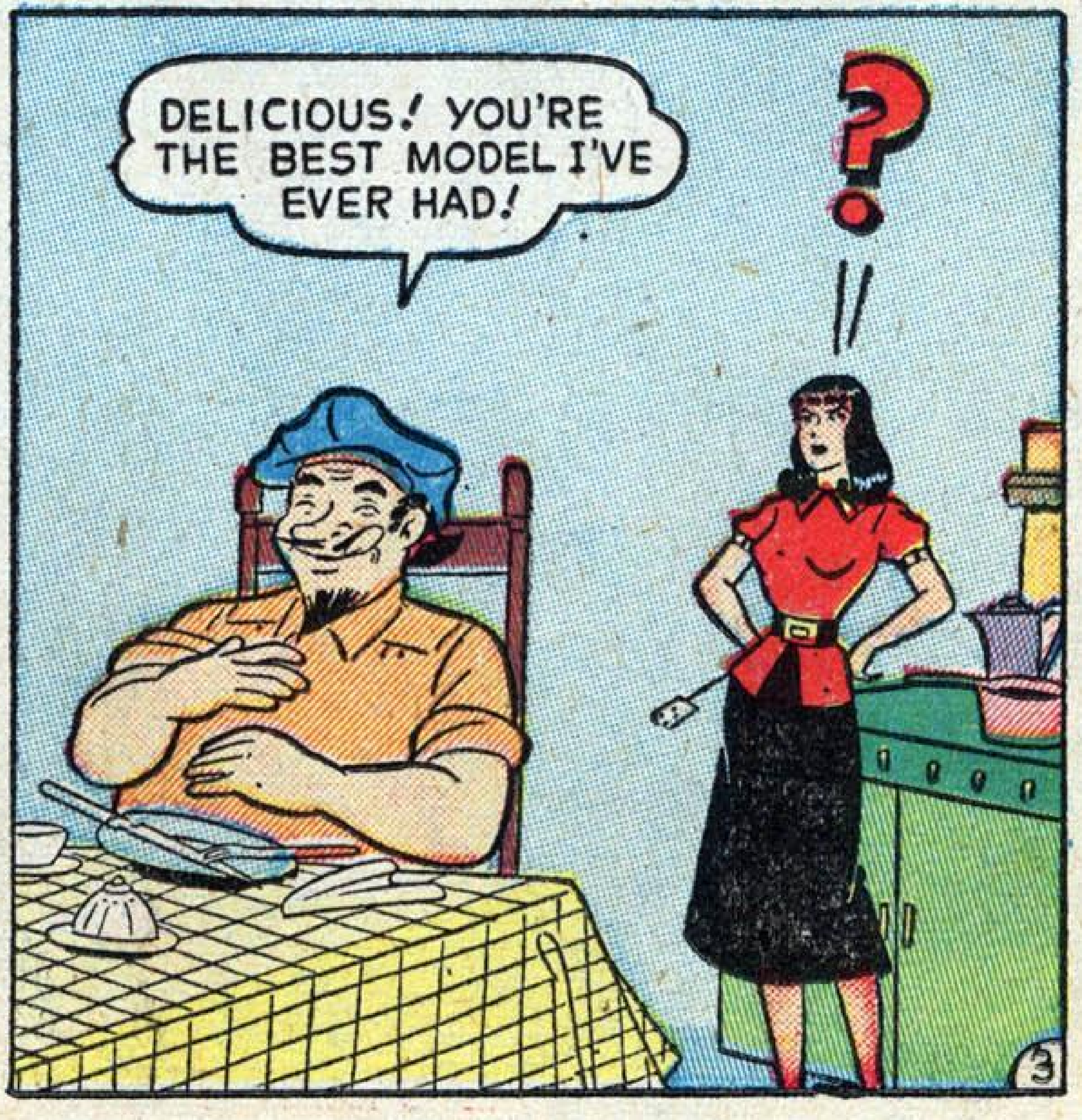

YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH AN ARTIST MUST SUFFER FOR HIS WORK! SOMETIMES I FEEL AS IF I JUST CAN'T GO ON!
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK MODELS DON'T HAVE IT TOO EASY EITHER!


WHEW! ALL DONE! BUT IT WASTED A LOT OF TIME!
WHAT IS TIME WHEN ONE DEVOTES HIS LIFE TO ART? NOW WE CAN START!


WHY DON'T YOU START PAINTING?
I'M SORRY, BUT WE CAN'T BEGIN JUST YET!


IT'S LUNCH TIME-- AND I CAN'T PAINT ON AN EMPTY STOMACH!
OH NO?


DELICIOUS! YOU'RE THE BEST MODEL I'VE EVER HAD!
?

SHALL I POSE NOW?
OH NO... NOT NOW! I ALWAYS MEDITATE AFTER LUNCH! MY MIND IS VERY ALERT THEN! I CAN THINK WONDERFULLY AT THOSE TIMES!
IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO WHILE YOU'RE MEDITATING?
OH YES! IT WILL HELP ME A LOT TOO!
ZZZZZ
SEVERAL HOURS LATER...
WHEW! HE MUST'VE BOUGHT NEW DISHES FOR EVERY MEAL-- GUESS I'LL RELAX A BIT WHILE HE'S...
WAKE UP! WAKE UP! THERE'S WORK TO DO... YOU CAN'T WASTE THE BEST PART OF THE DAY DROWSING! LET'S GO!
HUH?!!
STAND RIGHT THERE! YOU ARE ABOUT TO BECOME IMMORTALIZED ON CANVAS!

YOUR PORTRAIT WILL APPEAR IN EVERY ART GALLERY IN THE WORLD-- YOU'LL BE ANOTHER MONA LISA! JUST MOVE THIS ARM A LITTLE BIT...
HOW'S THIS?
NO! NO! MOVE IT DOWN-- AND SMILE! TURN THIS FOOT IN! LIFT YOUR KNEE! AND DON'T BLINK AN EYE!
YESSIR!
HE'S A PERFECTIONIST! SUCH ATTENTION TO DETAIL IS THE MARK OF A GREAT ARTIST!
HOURS LATER...
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T GO ON... SOMEHOW YOU'RE NOT THE TYPE! I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO MAKE A GOOD COMPOSITION
LET ME SEE!
BUT DON'T FEEL BAD! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A GOOD COMPOSITION FOR THIRTY YEARS! ANYWAY, IT'S SUPPER TIME NOW!
YIPE!
SMACK
LATER...
JEFF, WHAT DID YOU SAY THE ADDRESS OF SCHULTZ'S DRY GOODS STORE WAS?
?
THE END

WE MEET AT·DAWN

HELEN, a vivacious eighth-grader, tore down the street as fast as her legs could carry her. Her arms were waving and her face was all crinkled up with excitement. She tore up the steps and banged into the house. "Jean!" she shouted to her older sister. "Jean!!"

"I hear you," Jean called from her bedroom upstairs. "Now what?"

"Jean, something's going to happen and you're in it!"

"Okay, c'mon up and tell me about it." Jean was a Junior in High School and scorned the actions of Helen, her little sister, who was always running, shouting, and getting excited about nothing.

Helen panted up the steps. "Curly and Ted are meeting at dawn tomorrow with swords and pistols and. . . ."

Jean looked disgusted. "Please, Helen, act your age. You're talking like the last movie you saw. Swords and pistols don't happen here."

"Yes, they do. Curly and Ted were yelling and fighting something awful. I heard your name and Colleen's. Then Curly said they'd have a showdown at dawn tomorrow and. . . ."

"They were fighting about me," Jean dreamed. "Both of them want me to go steady." She became excited now. "What else did they say?"

"Well, Ted said Curly should pick his weapons. They're meeting at the empty lot on Elm Street, back of the Coke billboard."

Jean didn't have to hear any more. "We've got to stop them or they'll get hurt, or maybe expelled. C'mon, we're going to Colleen's and do something."

They told the whole story to Colleen and she joined the excitement. "They're fighting over me. I know it. Both of them want me to go steady."

"Is that so?" Jean asked with blazing eyes. "It's me they're dueling for, not you! Both of them want *me* to go steady."

The two girls were heading for a good argument when little Helen stepped in. "If you two fight now we'll never stop Ted and Curly. We've got to do something fast."

"You're right, Helen," Jean told her. "Just because the boys act so droopy is no reason for us to act the same way." In her heart she was very pleased and very sure they were fighting over her. "Now, let's make some plans to stop the big fight tomorrow morning."

They talked and talked until they came to an agreement. Jean would call Curly and ask him to go bicycling at dawn tomorrow. Then Colleen would call Ted. If that didn't work they'd change calls. And if that didn't work, the girls planned to go together and visit the boys this evening and find out what was cooking. Both were sure they could talk the boys out of fighting. They agreed not to tell how much they knew.

Jean dialled Curley's number. "Hello Curly?" she started with a drawl. "I've missed you. How about getting up at the crack of dawn tomorrow and wheeling out to White's Corners? We'll make it by noon. What? Oh, all right!" She hung up and turned to the anxious girls. "He said he was very busy. It's your turn, Colleen."

Colleen was smiling as she dialled Ted's number. The same thing happened. Ted was very, very busy.

"I've always known Ted likes me better than he does you," Jean said with a forced sweetness. "We'll get results this time." She reached for the phone and dialled Ted's number. "Hi, Ted. This is Jean. Pardon me, Ted, but I didn't even ask you. What do you mean? There's nothing cooking! Well, it's just too bad. I can get someone else!" She banged down the receiver.

Colleen was still smiling. "Another zero. Guess they're more interested in the fight than in us."

Jean was still angry. "They're not worth it but we might as well get on to our next move. We'll amble up to Ted's house first and see what we can do."

The two girls met right after dinner. Helen was told to stay home but she followed them, dodging behind trees like a Sherlock Holmes. They were drawn together by their rebuffs and also the scary feeling settling in their knees. "Do you think we should tell our parents?" Colleen asked. "What if something awful happens?"

"It won't," Jean said with determination. "We'll stop that big fight tomorrow and we'll stop it alone."

Ted's mother came to the door. "I don't know what's going on, girls," she told them. "Ted's been in the attic for an hour looking for something. Just a minute, I'll call him."

She returned quickly. "He's acting awfully strange. He said he can't see anyone tonight and sent the message he'd see you in school on Monday."

Jean and Colleen walked dejectedly down the steps. Ted meant business about tomorrow. He was probably in the attic practicing boxing right now. "It's all our faults," Jean said. "They're fighting over both of us. If we had made up our minds and hadn't acted so silly, this wouldn't be happening."

"There's still Curly," Colleen said. "Maybe we can sway him." They hurried towards Curly's house.

Curly's father was raking the leaves. He waved to the girls. "Hi! Looking for Curly? He's been in the garage since we ate dinner. I don't know what he's up to. He said he had to practice something and he locked himself in. You better come back tomorrow."

Both girls groaned as they turned away. Nothing was working. Helen popped from behind a tree ahead of them. "I'll tell you what to do."

"Helen!" Jean shouted. "You were told to stay out of this. Now go home."

"I won't! I was the one who overheard them and I have a perfect right to be here."

"Let her talk," Colleen said. "What were you going to say, Helen?"

"I think we should all get up at dawn and be there back of the billboard. If they see us, maybe they'll stop fighting."

"Jean, she's right. That's just what we'll do."

"All right," Jean agreed. "It's the only thing left for us to do."

They set their alarms for daybreak and met at the corner of Main and Elm. There wasn't a sound until they neared the billboard. Then they heard the angry voices of Ted and Curly.

"They've started" Colleen whispered. "Maybe we're too late to separate them. What'll we do now?"

"We're closing in on them," Jean said bravely and swallowed hard. She was as scared as Colleen.

"I'll lead the way," Helen announced as she tiptoed towards the billboard. The male voices grew louder and louder. "Let's stand right here and listen," Helen said as her knees started to shake.

Jean and Colleen agreed readily. All of them lined up in front of the billboard and listened to what was going on behind it. Ted was speaking, "You think you're the champ, don't you. I'll show you! I'll fix you. You'll be a pulp in two seconds flat."

Curly answered angrily, "That's what you think, you big drip. I've been champ since sixth grade. Everyone knows it and no pipsqueak like you is going to say he's better'n I am. Put 'em up! Here's the circle. . . ."

Colleen whispered again, "We've got to stop them, Jean. Something terrible is going to happen."

"Yes, we've got to stop them." Jean straightened up. "Let's go!" she directed and the three girls hurried around the billboard.

They had to look down to see the boys. Both of them were on their knees, playing marbles! "You think you're still the champ, do you?" Ted was saying as he aimed. "I'll show you! I've always been better than you but never had a chance to prove it. You'll never brag to the girls again."

Curly stopped him, "Let's leave Jean and Colleen out of this. Here goes!" he said as he shot into the circle.

The girls looked sick and disappointed as they backed away silently and ran down the street. They had expected romance and had found a game of marbles. As they tumbled into bed again, Jean and Colleen dreamed of the perfect princes who would really draw swords for them at dawn.

Helen was sure she could beat both Ted and Curly at marbles if she had stayed. She went to sleep deciding to challenge them on Monday.

THE END

PATSY WALKER
DADDY, THIS LETTER JUST CAME FOR YOU!
THANKS, PATSY!
NEWS
NEW
5580
OH, NO! THIS IS *TERRIBLE!*
WHAT'S WRONG, DADDY?
LIZA BENTLEY IS COMING TO VISIT US!
LIZA BENTLEY? WHO IS SHE?
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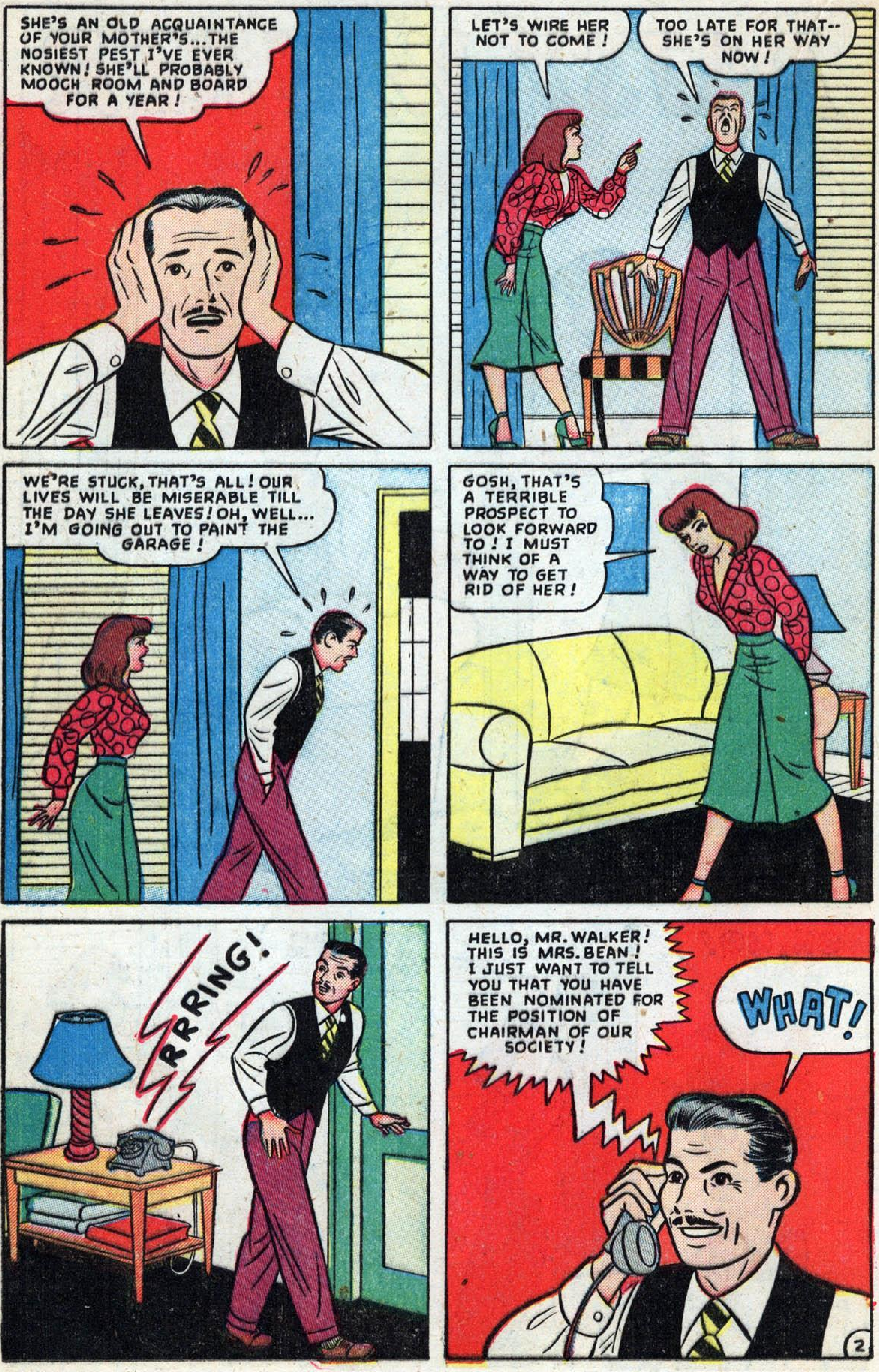
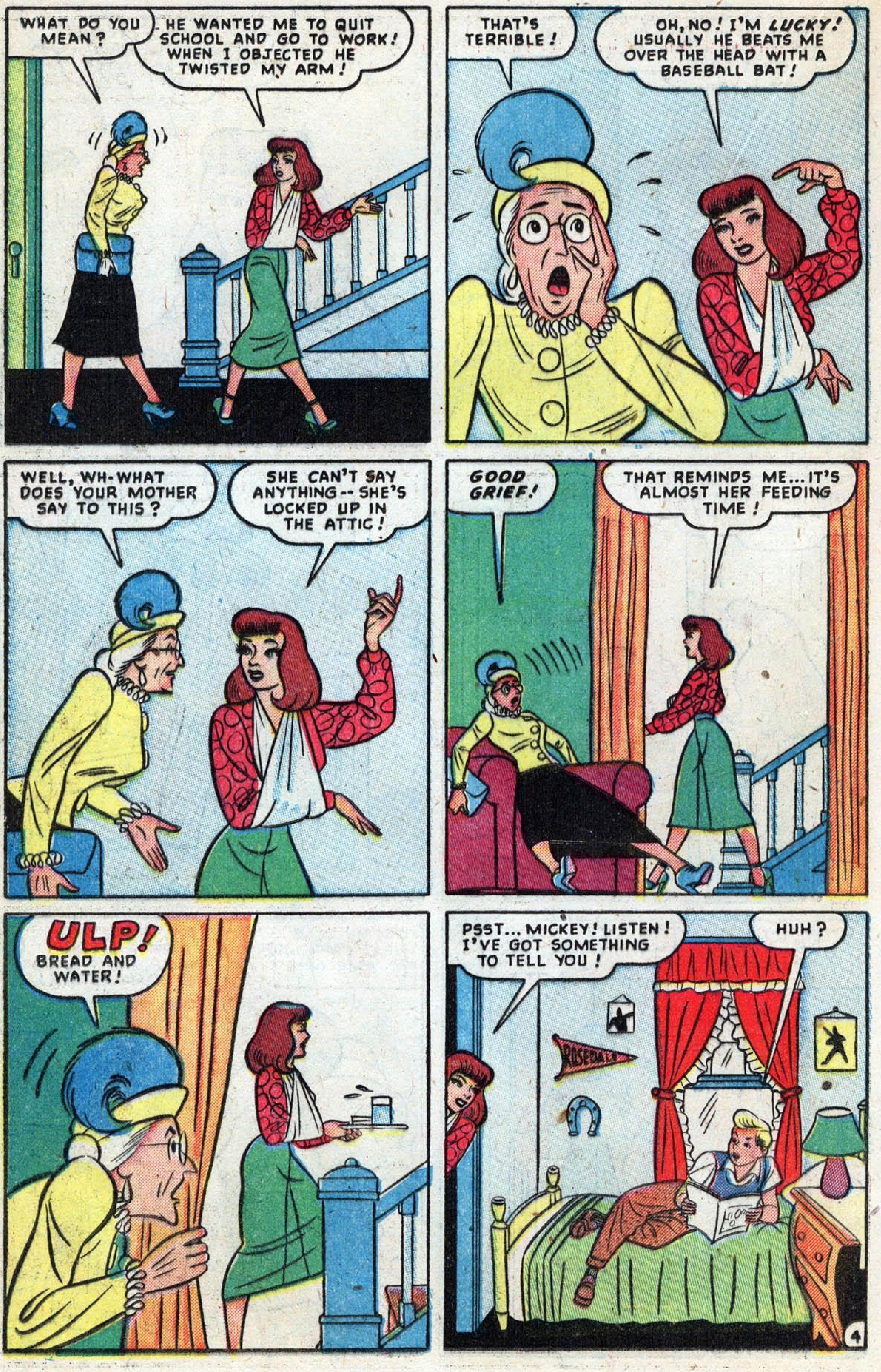
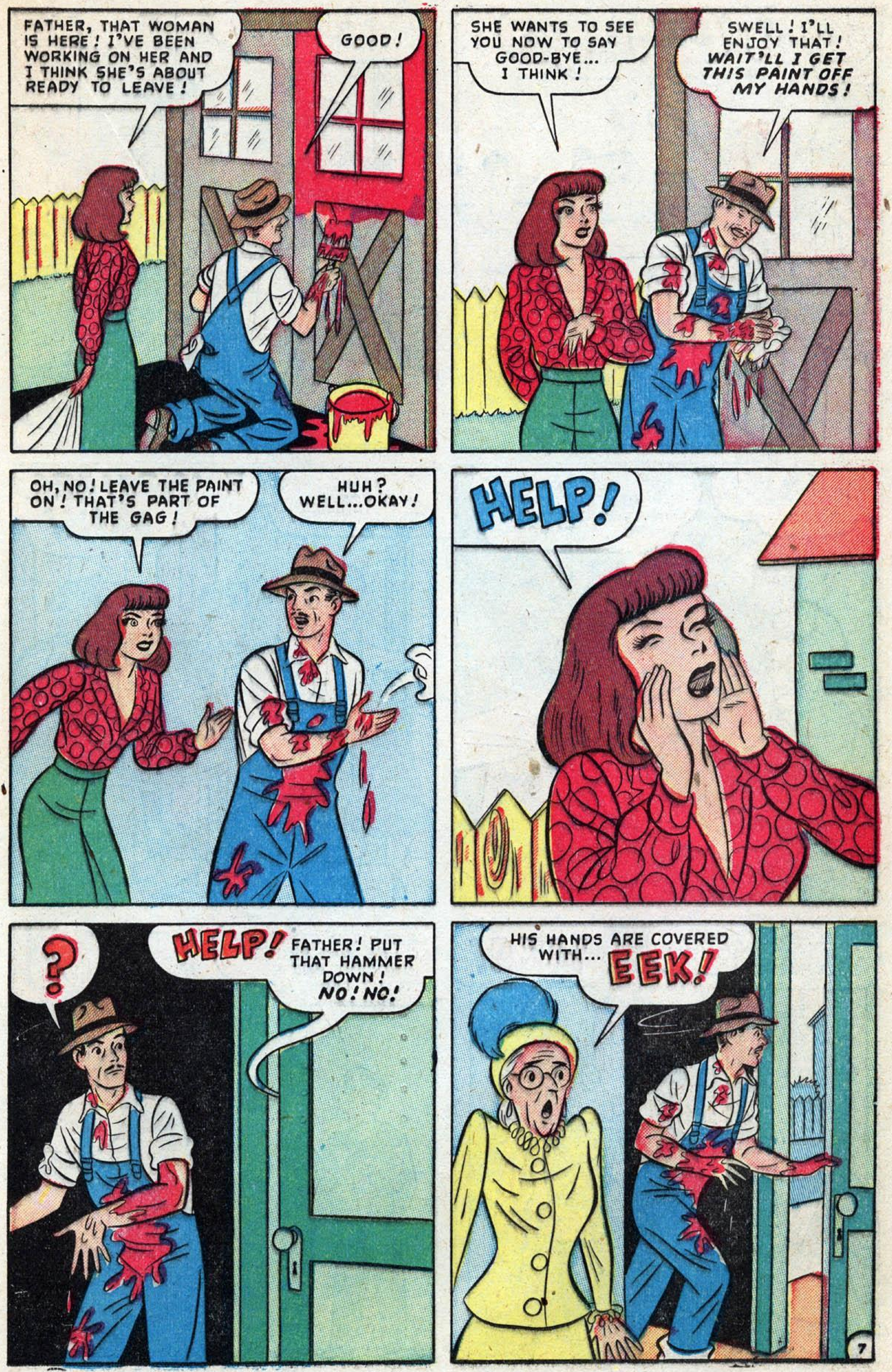

SHE'S AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE OF YOUR MOTHER'S...THE NOSIEST PEST I'VE EVER KNOWN! SHE'LL PROBABLY MOOCH ROOM AND BOARD FOR A YEAR!
LET'S WIRE HER NOT TO COME!
TOO LATE FOR THAT-- SHE'S ON HER WAY NOW!
WE'RE STUCK, THAT'S ALL! OUR LIVES WILL BE MISERABLE TILL THE DAY SHE LEAVES! OH, WELL... I'M GOING OUT TO PAINT THE GARAGE!
GOSH, THAT'S A TERRIBLE PROSPECT TO LOOK FORWARD TO! I MUST THINK OF A WAY TO GET RID OF HER!
RRRING!
HELLO, MR. WALKER! THIS IS MRS. BEAN! I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT YOU HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN OF OUR SOCIETY!
WHAT!

AT LAST! FOR YEARS I'VE TRIED TO BECOME CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY WELFARE SOCIETY AND NOW IT'S ALMOST COME TRUE!
LATER...
I'VE GOT IT! I KNOW HOW I'LL GET RID OF THIS BENTLEY WOMAN! DADDY'LL BE TICKLED PINK!
SNAP!
AFTER I GET THROUGH WITH HER, SHE'LL WISH SHE'D NEVER COME HERE!
GAUZE
I HOPE THAT'S HER!
RING!
HELLO, MY DEAR! I SUPPOSE YOU'RE LITTLE PATSY?
YES! COME IN!
OH, MY DEAR... WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR ARM?
AW, IT'S NOTHING! JUST A LITTLE ARGUMENT I HAD WITH MY FATHER!

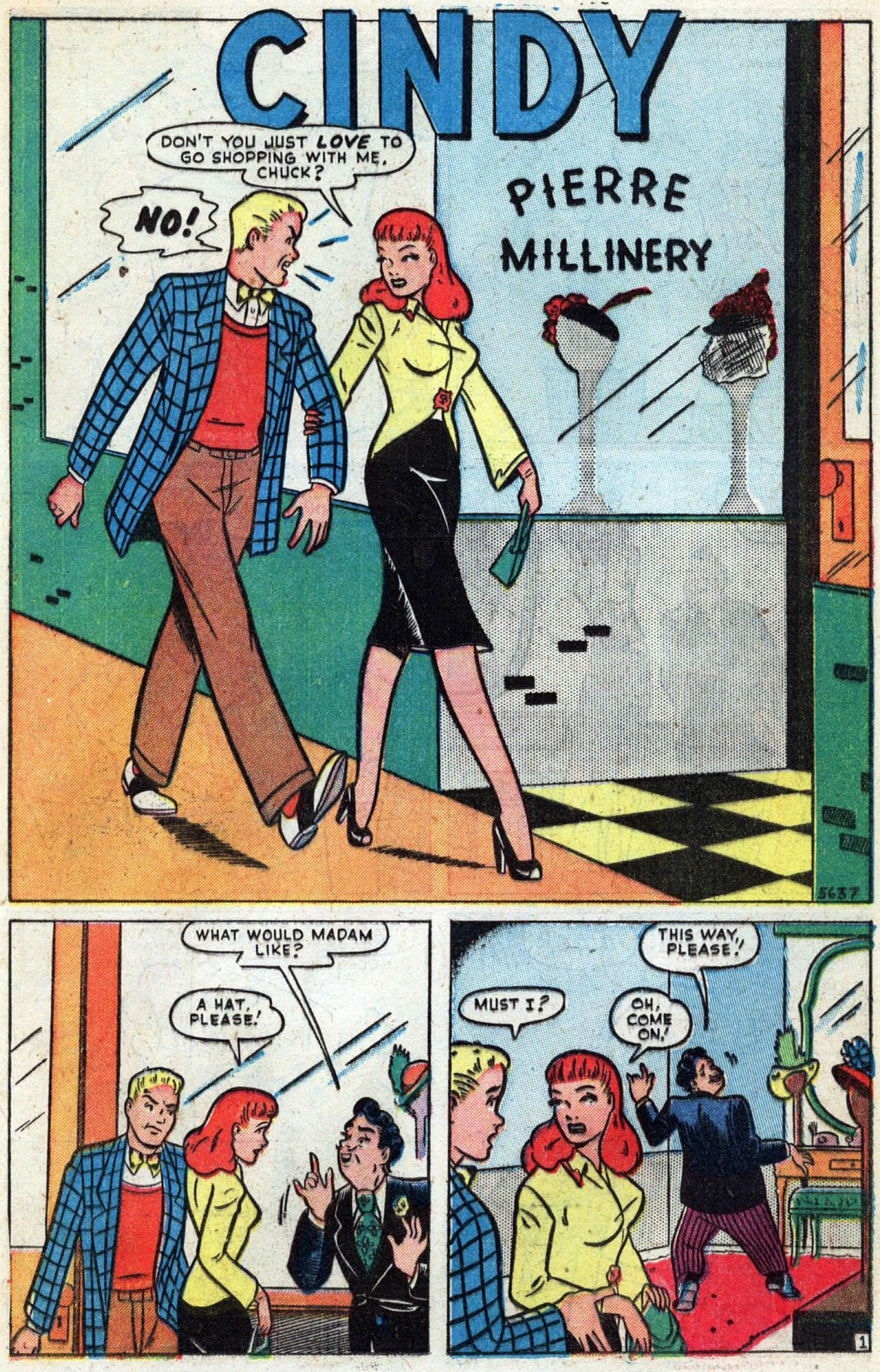

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HE WANTED ME TO QUIT SCHOOL AND GO TO WORK! WHEN I OBJECTED HE TWISTED MY ARM!
THAT'S TERRIBLE!
OH, NO! I'M LUCKY! USUALLY HE BEATS ME OVER THE HEAD WITH A BASEBALL BAT!
WELL, WH-WHAT DOES YOUR MOTHER SAY TO THIS?
SHE CAN'T SAY ANYTHING -- SHE'S LOCKED UP IN THE ATTIC!
GOOD GRIEF!
THAT REMINDS ME... IT'S ALMOST HER FEEDING TIME!
ULP! BREAD AND WATER!
PSST... MICKEY! LISTEN! I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TELL YOU!
HUH?
ROSEDALE

SNEAK DOWNSTAIRS THE BACK WAY AND BZZZ...BZZZ...BZZZ!
I GET IT! LEAVE IT TO ME!
H-HOW IS Y-YOUR P-POOR DEAR MOTHER?
VERY WEAK... BUT SHE'S HAPPY 'CAUSE HER TIME IS UP TOMORROW!
OHHHHHHHHH!
YIPE!
WH...WHAT'S TH...THAT?
OH, JUST MY KID BROTHER MICKEY... HE ATE AN APPLE!
POOR CHILD! I SUPPOSE IT WAS GREEN AND IT MADE HIM SICK!
OH, NO, THAT'S NOT IT!
?
COME, I'LL SHOW YOU!

HE TOOK THE APPLE WITHOUT ASKING FATHER'S PERMISSION... SO-O-O...
EEK!
OOOHHHHHH!
CATSUP
WHERE IS THAT OGRE... ER... I MEAN YOUR FATHER!
I THINK HE'S IN THE YARD!
BUT HE'S IN A NASTY MOOD, AND THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE'D DO TO ME IF I DISTURBED HIM NOW!
I'LL GO! I WANT TO HAVE A WORD WITH HIM!
OH, NO... PLEASE DON'T! YOUR VERY LIFE WOULD BE IN DANGER... I'LL G...G...GO!
POOR CHILD... SHE WAS TREMBLING! I HOPE HE DOESN'T HURT HER!


FATHER, THAT WOMAN IS HERE! I'VE BEEN WORKING ON HER AND I THINK SHE'S ABOUT READY TO LEAVE!
GOOD!
SHE WANTS TO SEE YOU NOW TO SAY GOOD-BYE... I THINK!
SWELL! I'LL ENJOY THAT! WAIT'LL I GET THIS PAINT OFF MY HANDS!
OH, NO! LEAVE THE PAINT ON! THAT'S PART OF THE GAG!
HUH? WELL...OKAY!
HELP!
?
HELP! FATHER! PUT THAT HAMMER DOWN! NO! NO!
HIS HANDS ARE COVERED WITH... EEK!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
NEVER MIND! THERE SHE GOES DOWN THE STREET!
ALL RIGHT, WALKER! COME QUIETLY!
HUH?
THE LADY TOLD US ALL ABOUT YOU!
BUT I DIDN'T DO A THING! THAT LADY'S A TROUBLEMAKER FROM WAY BACK!
I'LL MAKE PLENTY OF IT FOR YOU, YOU MONSTER!
YIPE! MRS. BEAN!
WELL, WELL! I CAME JUST IN TIME FOR THE EXCITEMENT!
LIZA!
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! HE WAS PROVEN INNOCENT BUT HE WON'T LEAVE!
HAPPIEST GUY WE'VE EVER HAD IN HERE, TOO!
AT LEAST I WON'T HAVE TO SEE LIZA!
HA! HA! HA! HA!
THE END


CINDY
DON'T YOU JUST LOVE TO GO SHOPPING WITH ME, CHUCK?
NO!
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WHAT WOULD MADAM LIKE?
A HAT, PLEASE!
THIS WAY, PLEASE!
MUST I?
OH, COME ON!
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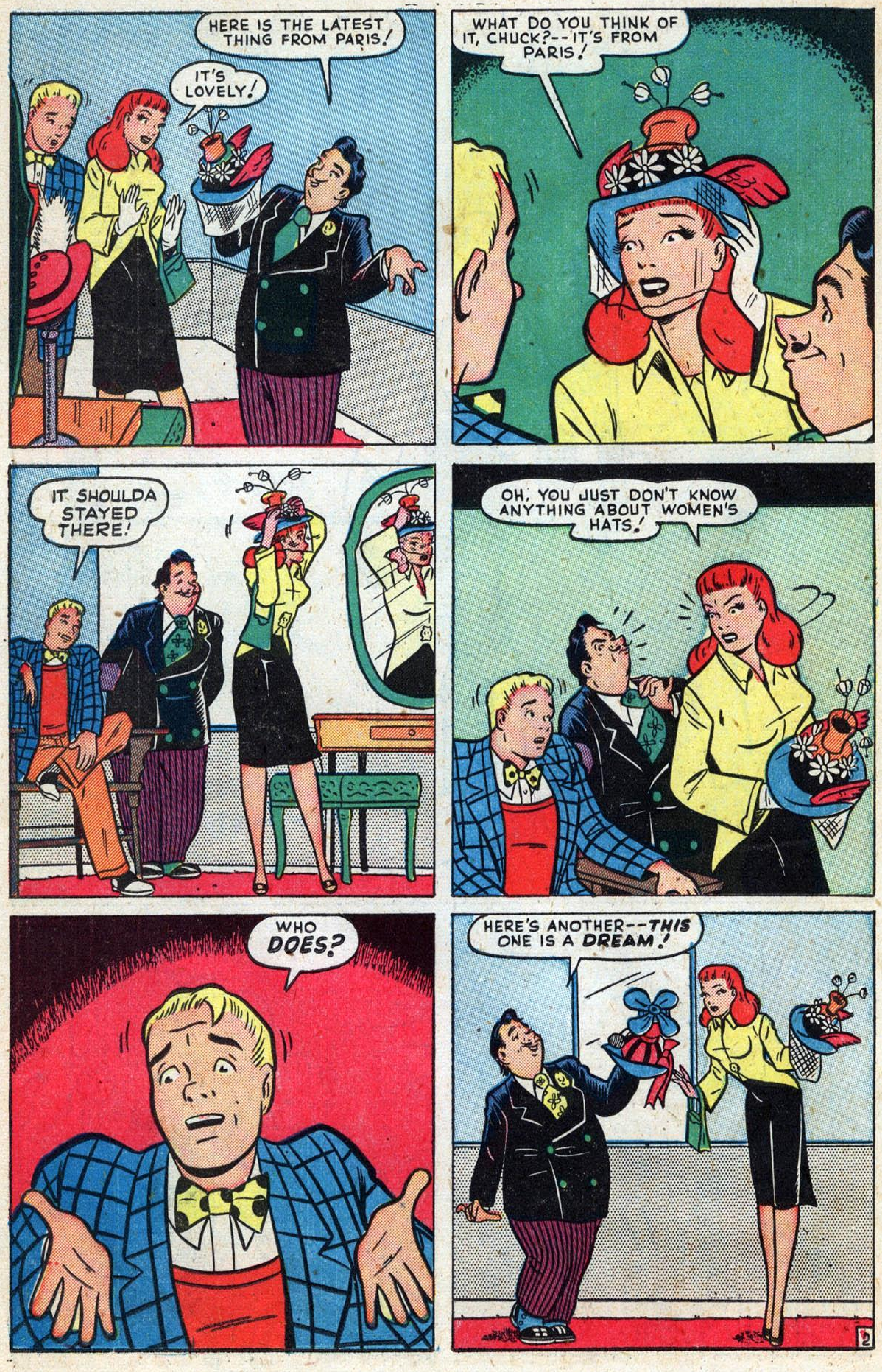
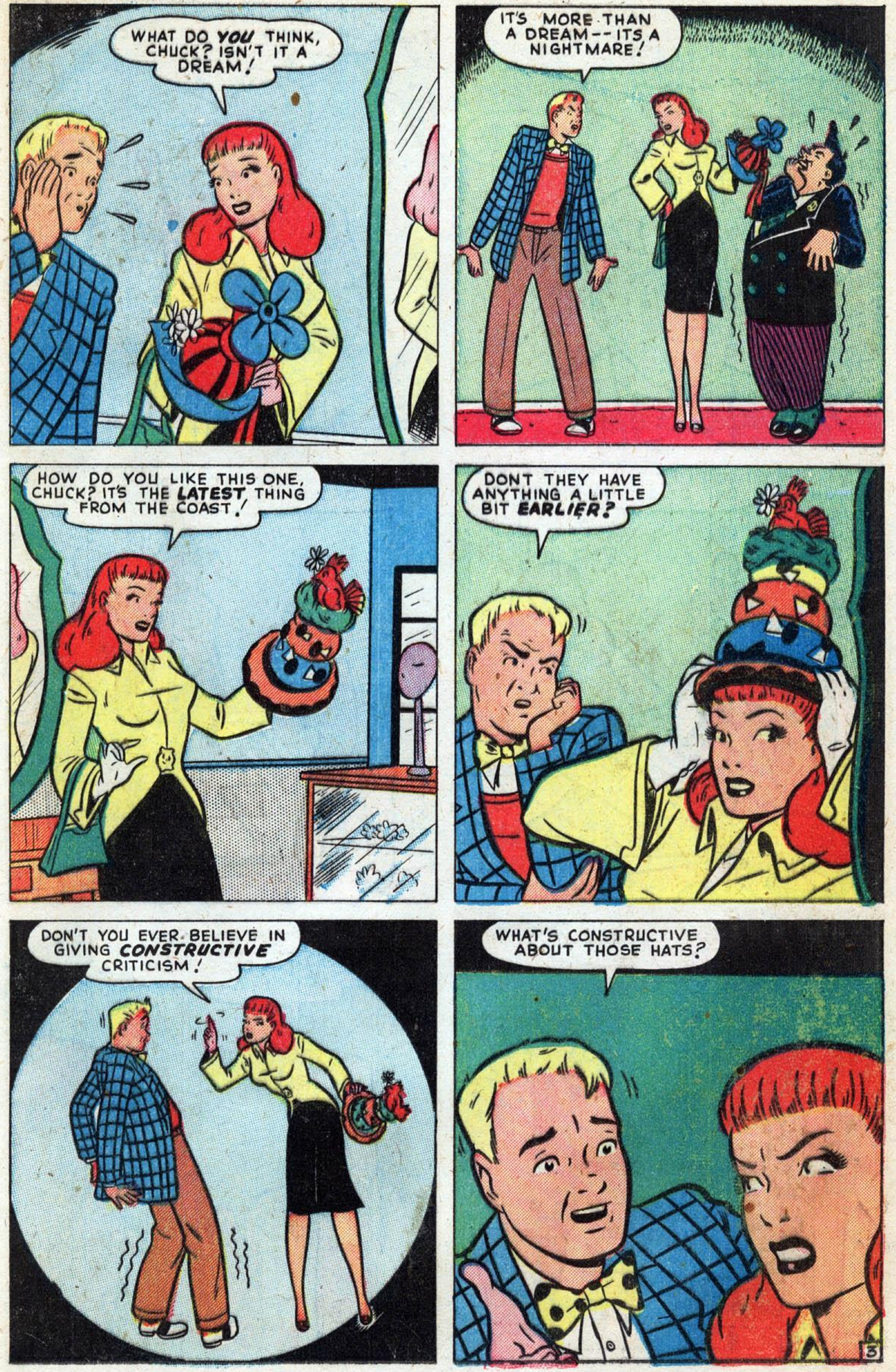

HERE IS THE LATEST THING FROM PARIS!
IT'S LOVELY!
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT, CHUCK?--IT'S FROM PARIS!
IT SHOULDA STAYED THERE!
OH, YOU JUST DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT WOMEN'S HATS!
WHO **DOES?**
HERE'S ANOTHER--***THIS*** ONE IS A ***DREAM***!


WHAT DO YOU THINK, CHUCK? ISN'T IT A DREAM!
IT'S MORE THAN A DREAM -- ITS A NIGHTMARE!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS ONE, CHUCK? IT'S THE LATEST THING FROM THE COAST!
DONT THEY HAVE ANYTHING A LITTLE BIT EARLIER?
DON'T YOU EVER BELIEVE IN GIVING CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM!
WHAT'S CONSTRUCTIVE ABOUT THOSE HATS?
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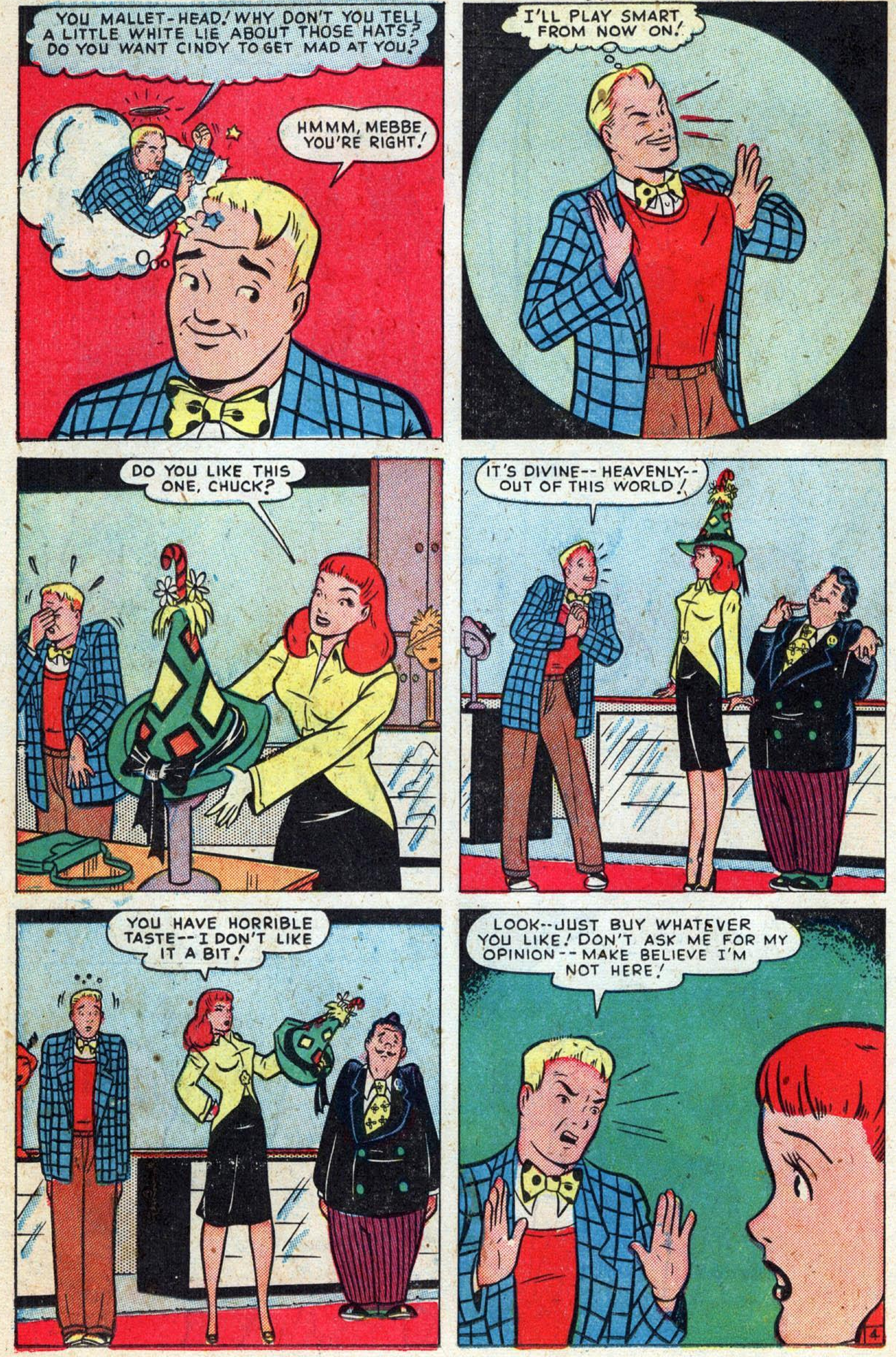
YOU MALLET-HEAD! WHY DON'T YOU TELL A LITTLE WHITE LIE ABOUT THOSE HATS? DO YOU WANT CINDY TO GET MAD AT YOU?
HMMM, MEBBE YOU'RE RIGHT!
I'LL PLAY SMART FROM NOW ON!
DO YOU LIKE THIS ONE, CHUCK?
IT'S DIVINE--HEAVENLY--OUT OF THIS WORLD!
YOU HAVE HORRIBLE TASTE--I DON'T LIKE IT A BIT!
LOOK--JUST BUY WHATEVER YOU LIKE! DON'T ASK ME FOR MY OPINION--MAKE BELIEVE I'M NOT HERE!

SO! YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN WHAT I BUY!!
YES--I'M INTERESTED!
PIERRE HATS
PIERRE HATS
I SUPPOSE **YOU** WOULDN'T CARE IF I WORE A FLOWER-POT ON MY HEAD!
NO, I WOULDN'T...!
IT WOULD PROBABLY LOOK BETTER THAN SOME OF THE HATS YOU'VE BEEN TRYING ON!
OH!
PU-LEESE--NO SHOUTING IN THIS STORE!
WHO'S SHOUTING!
YOU WATCH OUT HOW YOU TALK TO HER!
THAT'S THE LAST STRAW!

I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY NOW THAT YOU'VE EMBARRASSED ME!
I'VE EMBARRASSED *YOU??!!*
I'LL BE ASHAMED EVER TO SET FOOT IN THAT STORE AGAIN!
PIERRE
YOU SHOULD BE--AFTER THOSE HATS YOU TRIED ON!
MILLINERY
PIERRE MILLINERY
PIERRE MILLINERY
IT'S A LUCKY THING FOR YOU I TALKED YOU OUT OF BUYING THOSE MONSTROSITIES!
OH, I DIDN'T INTEND TO *BUY* ANY!
WHAT??!
NO--I JUST LIKE TO BROWSE AROUND WITH YOU BECAUSE IT'S SO RESTFUL AND RELAXING!
NOW WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH *HIM?!*
PLOP!
THE END

PATSY WALKER
SO, ESMERELDA... AT LAST I'VE CAUGHT YOU WITH ANOTHER MAN!
LOUIE! PUT DOWN THAT GUN! DON'T...
THE NEWS
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BANG! BANG!
EEEEEKK!
PATSY, WILL YOU PLEASE TURN OFF THAT DRIVEL!
THE NEWS
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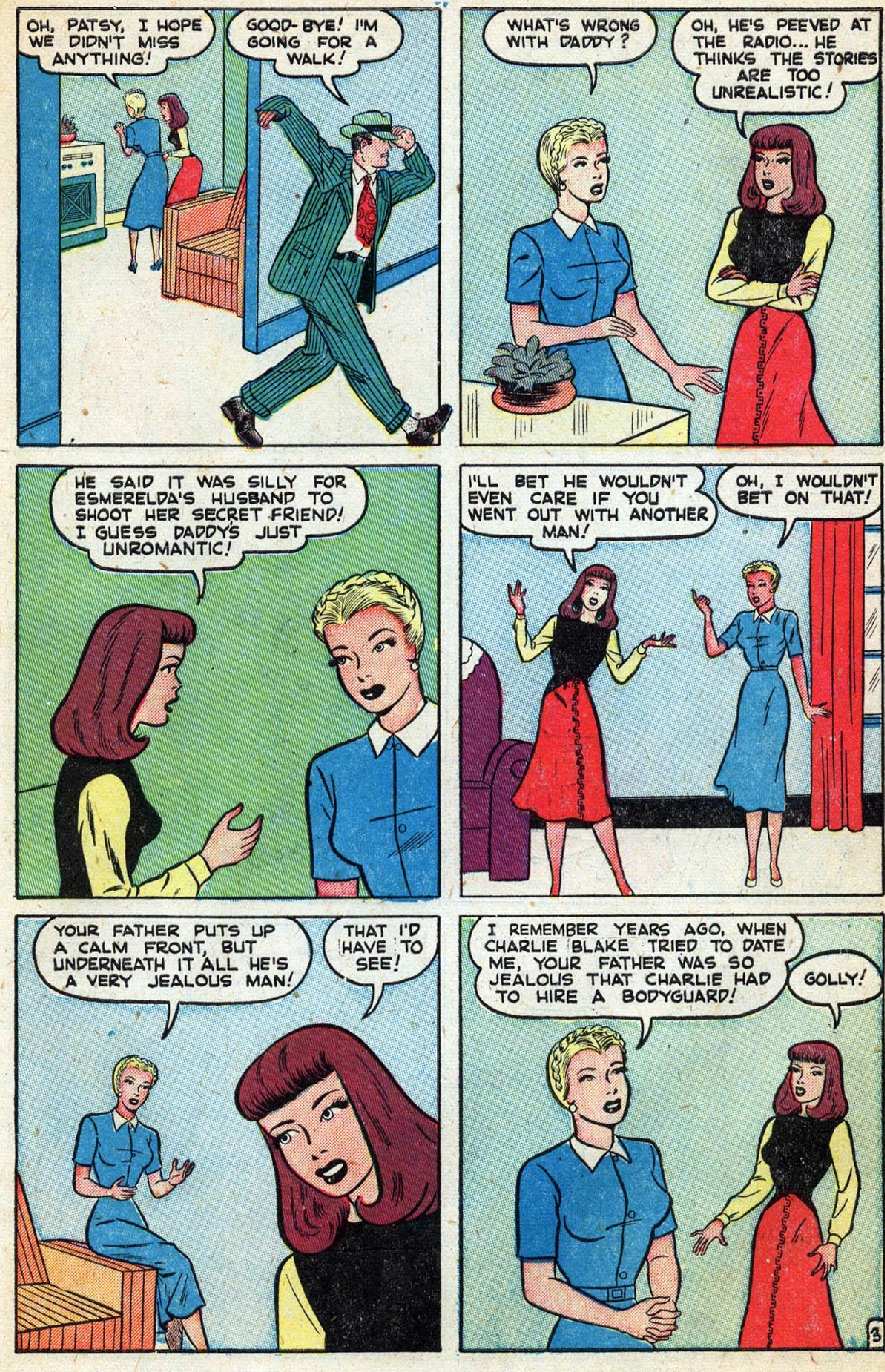
HOW CAN YOU SIT THERE AND CALL "ESMERELDA'S OTHER HUSBAND" DRIVEL?
IT'S EASY...
WHOEVER WRITES THAT RUBBISH MUST'VE SPENT HIS CHILDHOOD LOCKED IN AN ATTIC!
HOW SILLY! THESE RADIO STORIES ARE TRUER TO LIFE THAN LIFE ITSELF!
HMPH! I SUPPOSE IT'S COMMON SPORT FOR JEALOUS HUSBANDS TO GO AROUND SHOOTING THEIR WIVES' FRIENDS!
WELL... IT COULD HAPPEN!
BAH! YOU'RE LETTING YOUR CHILDISH IMAGINATION RUN AWAY WITH YOU! YOU WON'T FIND MATURE PEOPLE LISTENING TO THAT BUNK!
PATSY! QUICK! IT'S ALMOST THREE O'CLOCK!
?
WHAT HAPPENS AT THREE?
WHY, "BRENDA BEASTLY, GIRL INTERNE" IS ON THEN, OF COURSE!


OH, PATSY, I HOPE WE DIDN'T MISS ANYTHING!
GOOD-BYE! I'M GOING FOR A WALK!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH DADDY?
OH, HE'S PEEVED AT THE RADIO... HE THINKS THE STORIES ARE TOO UNREALISTIC!
HE SAID IT WAS SILLY FOR ESMERELDA'S HUSBAND TO SHOOT HER SECRET FRIEND! I GUESS DADDY'S JUST UNROMANTIC!
I'LL BET HE WOULDN'T EVEN CARE IF YOU WENT OUT WITH ANOTHER MAN!
OH, I WOULDN'T BET ON THAT!
YOUR FATHER PUTS UP A CALM FRONT, BUT UNDERNEATH IT ALL HE'S A VERY JEALOUS MAN!
THAT I'D HAVE TO SEE!
I REMEMBER YEARS AGO, WHEN CHARLIE BLAKE TRIED TO DATE ME, YOUR FATHER WAS SO JEALOUS THAT CHARLIE HAD TO HIRE A BODYGUARD!
GOLLY!
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BUT HE SEEMS SO COMPLETELY INDIFFERENT NOW!
STILL WATERS RUN DEEP!
BESIDES, HE'S NEVER HAD ANY REASON TO BE JEALOUS SINCE WE'VE BEEN MARRIED!
GOSH, BUT IT WOULD BE FUN TO SEE WHAT HE'D DO!
WOULD YOU MIND ANSWERING THE PHONE, DEAR!
SURE, MOM!
RING!
HELLO... THE WALKER RESIDENCE!
HELLO! MAY I SPEAK TO MARY, PLEASE?
TO MARY? WHO ARE YOU?
I JUST BLEW INTO TOWN! TELL HER IT'S "LOVER BOY!" SHE'LL KNOW!
WHO IS IT, DEAR?
IT'S FOR YOU, MOTHER...IT'S... ER...UH..."LOVER BOY!"

WHAT? OH, HOW WONDERFUL! AND WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT HIM, TOO!
?
HELLO, CHARLIE! IT'S SO GRAND TO HEAR YOUR VOICE AGAIN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!
"LOVER BOY?" HMMMM...
OF COURSE... COME RIGHT OVER!
THAT MUST BE THE CHARLIE BLAKE WHO MADE DADDY JEALOUS!
OH, HOW THRILLING! I MUST TELL NANCY!
YOU'RE KIDDING!
I'M NOT! HE'S AN OLD FLAME OF MOTHER'S AND HE'S COMING TO VISIT HER TODAY!
WHAT ABOUT YOUR FATHER?
HE'S NOT HOME! DON'T YOU SEE-- IT WAS ALL PLANNED THAT WAY!

IT'S JUST LIKE THE STORY ON "ESMERELDA'S OTHER HUSBAND!"
GOLLY, I HOPE NOT! REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED?
OH, GOSH...I FORGOT! YOU MEAN THE PART WITH THE SHOOTING?
YES! BUT YOUR FATHER ISN'T THE JEALOUS TYPE, SO THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY!
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT UNTIL MOM TOLD ME THE REAL FACTS!
OH, LET'S NOT ACT LIKE KIDS! YOU KNOW YOUR FATHER WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING THAT DESPERATE!
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
MEANWHILE...
HELLO, GEORGE!
OH, HI, STAN!
SAY, STAN, IF YOU STILL WANT TO BORROW MY HUNTING RIFLE, YOU'RE WELCOME TO TAKE IT RIGHT NOW!
THANKS, GEORGE-- I CAN USE IT THIS SATURDAY!
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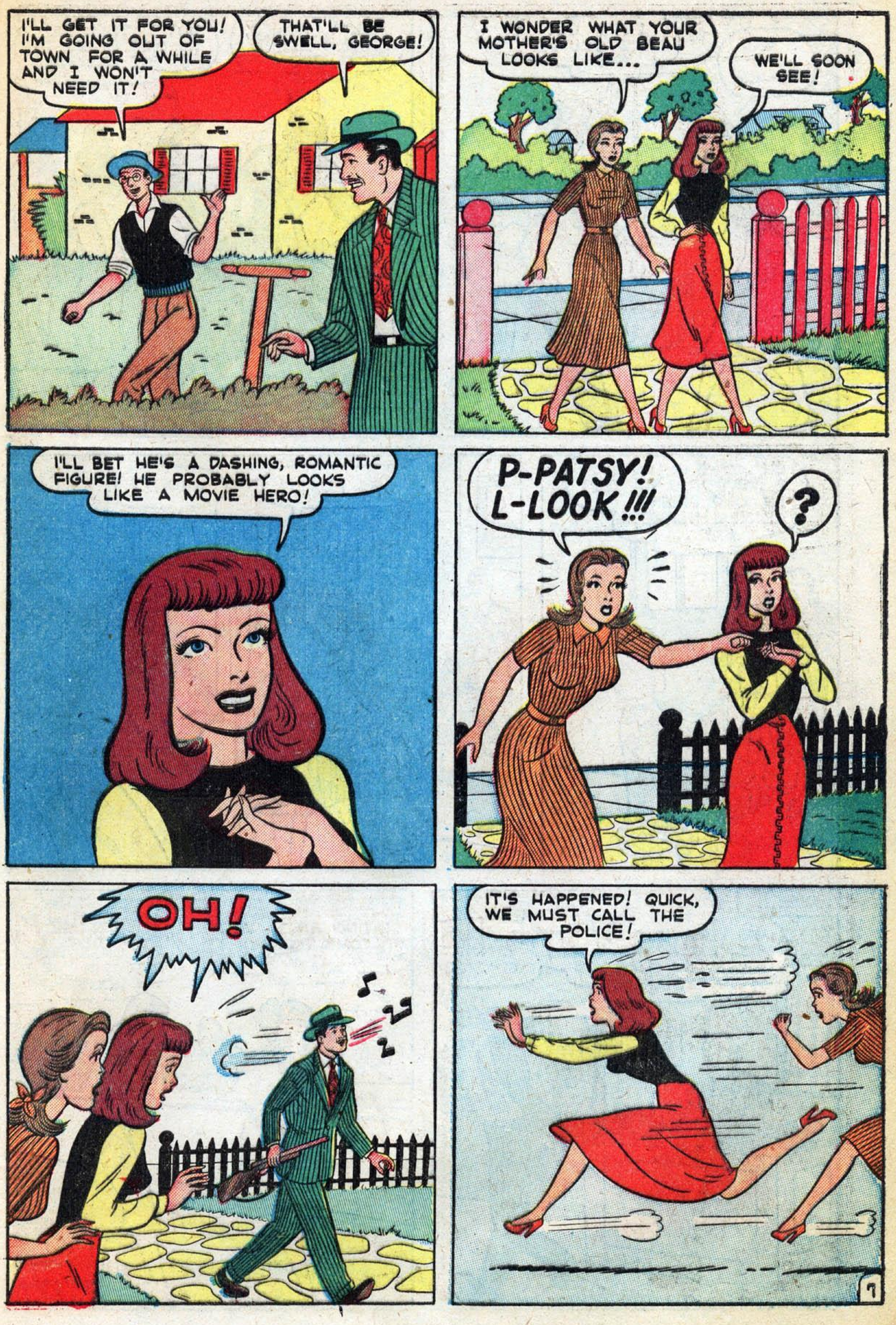
I'LL GET IT FOR YOU! I'M GOING OUT OF TOWN FOR A WHILE AND I WON'T NEED IT!
THAT'LL BE SWELL, GEORGE!
I WONDER WHAT YOUR MOTHER'S OLD BEAU LOOKS LIKE...
WE'LL SOON SEE!
I'LL BET HE'S A DASHING, ROMANTIC FIGURE! HE PROBABLY LOOKS LIKE A MOVIE HERO!
P-PATSY! L-LOOK!!!
?
OH!
IT'S HAPPENED! QUICK, WE MUST CALL THE POLICE!

...AND HE'S ARMED!
LET'S GO! THIS SOUNDS BAD!
OKAY, ROMEO, COME ALONG QUIETLY!
BUT I TELL YOU I'M NOT GOING TO SHOOT ANYONE...
OH, COME IN, PATSY! I WANT YOU TO MEET AN OLD FRIEND, CHARLIE BLAKE, AND...
...HIS FAMILY!
WHAT!??
LATER...
SORRY ABOUT THE MISTAKE, MISTER WALKER! BUT NOW THAT YOU KNOW THE WHOLE STORY, I'M SURE YOU UNDERSTAND...
I UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING!
WANTED
WANTED
$100
SGT. O'LEARY
I'M SURE YOUR DAD WILL FORGET THIS WHOLE AFFAIR AND LET YOU LISTEN TO THE RADIO AGAIN!
I DON'T THINK SO... ESPECIALLY SINCE HE GOT RID OF EVERY RADIO IN THE HOUSE!
THE END
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Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you — are YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of otherwise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are . . . and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them . . . if they *want* to!

"He-Man" Often Guilty of Blackhead Crime

Take your "he-man" . . . super at track, games, sports of all kinds . . . who thinks that after just a shower he's ready to go anywhere! And won't the girls all admire his muscles!

Sure they would! But not many dance floors are set up for hurdle races! You can't show off your snappy left hook when only cokes are in the ring. The "he-man" who's also clean-cut, will get the breaks wherever he is.

Even Cute Girls Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS! Not unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "slips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

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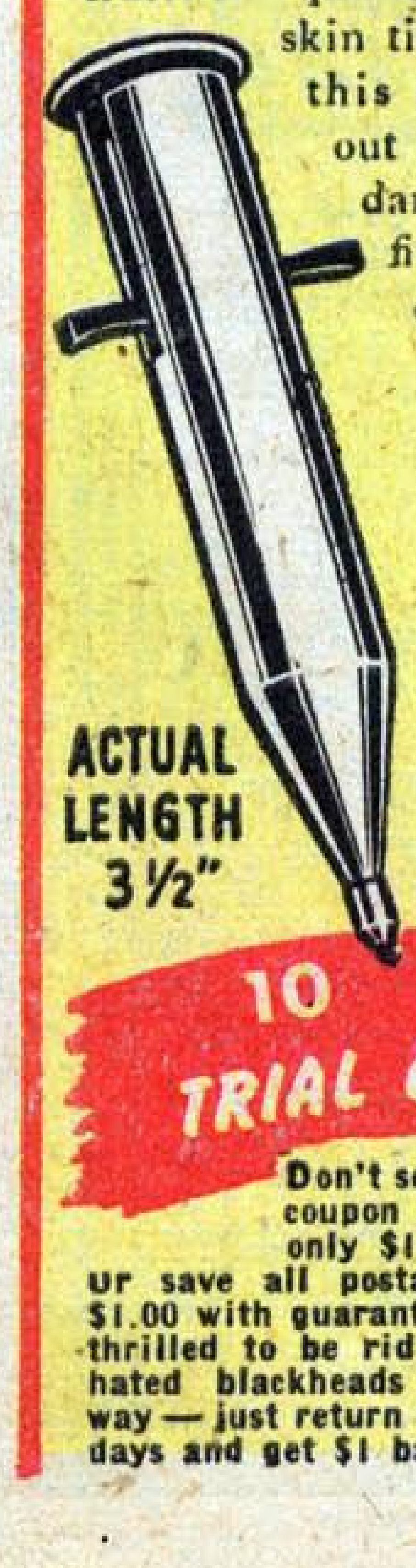

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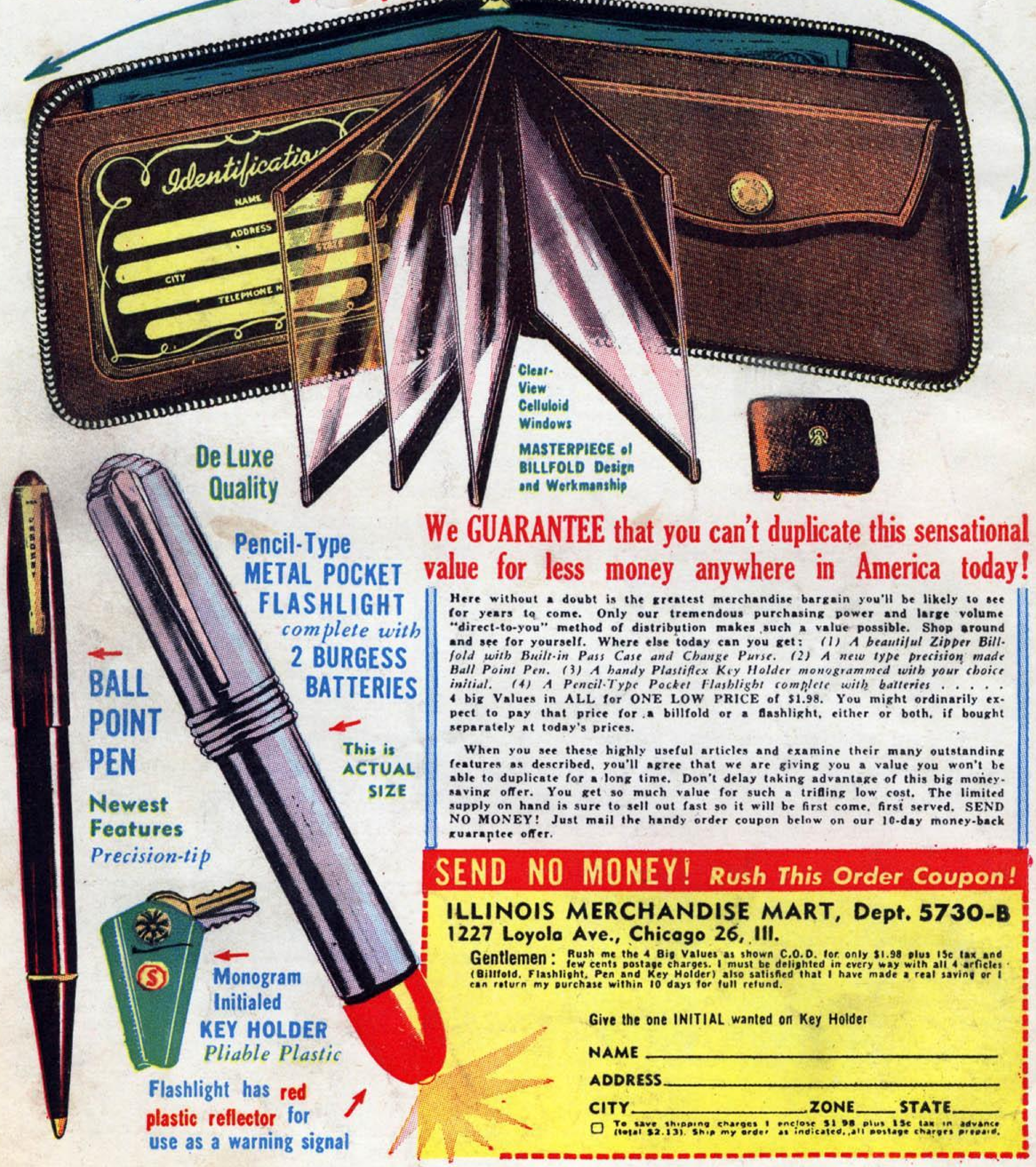

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